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Molina**

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**Yvonne  
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Burke**

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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

ON MARCH 25, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 275.]

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS, THE MEETING WILL  
COME TO ORDER. WE WILL NOW ASK EVERYONE TO STAND. THE  
INVOCATION WILL BE BY THE REVEREND DR. LEWIS LOGAN, II,  
EMANUEL AFRICAN AND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER  
IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, LED BY  
PETER ROMAN, MEMBER OF LARRY AMAYA POST WHITTIER, AMERICAN  
G.I. FORUM.

**REVEREND DR. LEWIS E. LOGAN, II:** LET US PRAY. IN YOUR MOST  
DIFFICULT HOUR OF SUFFERING, YOU DECLARED, "FATHER, FORGIVE  
THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO." HELP US, O GOD, TO BE  
CLEARLY AWARE OF THE BREVITY OF EVERYTHING WE DO, AND THOSE  
WHO YOU HAVE GIVEN AUTHORITY AND POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY.  
HELP US, GOD, TO THINK GLOBALLY AND ACT RESPONSIBLY LOCALLY.  
GIVE US THE STRENGTH AND THE COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS.  
THIS IS OUR PRAYER AND WE THANK YOU, GOD, AS WE LIFT UP THOSE  
WHO ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW EVEN AS OUR HEARTS ARE BEATING.  
FOR WE ARE ONE HUMAN FAMILY. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.

**PETER ROMAN:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR  
HANDS OVER YOUR HEART. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND  
5 GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE -- IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR  
6 ATTENTION, PLEASE -- IT'S MY PLEASURE TO GIVE A CERTIFICATE OF  
7 APPRECIATION TO REVEREND DR. LEWIS MORGAN, II. HE HAS A  
8 BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM MOOREHOUSE COLLEGE AND A MASTERS'  
9 DEGREE FROM CHANBERS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.  
10 HE IS JOINING US HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE JUST RECENTLY MOVED  
11 TO WESTCHESTER TO OPEN A NEW BRANCH OF THE AME CHURCH WHICH  
12 HAS BEEN IN OPERATION IN LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 50 YEARS. HE IS  
13 MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. HE'S GOT A LOT OF WORK AHEAD  
14 OF HIM. WE JUST THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN A  
15 VERY KIND AND LOVING INVOCATION. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE -- COME UP AND JOIN  
20 ME, PETER -- TO MAKE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
21 PRESENTATION TO PETER ROMAN. MR. ROMAN IS WITH THE LARRY AMAYA  
22 POST OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM IN WHITTIER. HE HAS SERVED AS  
23 PLATOON SERGEANT WITH THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION OF THE UNITED  
24 STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1972 TO 1974 IN CAMBODIA. HIS MANY  
25 DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION, THE UNITED



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1 STATES MARINE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
2 SERVICE MEDAL. HE RESIDES IN SOUTHGATE AND WORKS FOR OUR OWN  
3 COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HE IS  
4 THE GENTLEMAN THAT MAKES THE ARRANGEMENTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS  
5 THAT BRING IN THE FOLKS THAT LEAD US IN OUR PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE, SO WE THANK YOU SO MUCH THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO DO IT  
7 TODAY. THANK YOU, SIR. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOW WE'LL GO FORWARD WITH THE  
10 AGENDA.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
13 BOARD. WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED AND THE HOLD MATTERS UNDER  
14 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN WE'LL TAKE UP ADMINISTRATIVE  
15 MATTERS AND THEN AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS, WE WILL COME BACK TO  
16 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. SO BEGINNING ON PAGE 5, ON ITEM  
17 NUMBER 3, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED  
18 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS  
23 THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS TO APRIL 22ND, 2003.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NUMBER 5, IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO  
2    APRIL 22ND.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THE CHIEF  
5    ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE MATTER BE CONTINUED  
6    TO APRIL 22ND, 2003.

7

8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 9 IS ALSO CONTINUED TO APRIL  
9    22ND.

10

11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NOW, ON PAGE 8, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,  
12   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 13 THROUGH 27. ON ITEM NUMBER 19,  
13   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

16

17   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 20, SUPERVISOR BURKE  
18   REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO APRIL 8TH, 2003.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT MATTER IS  
21   CONTINUED.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT FOR ONE WEEK, OR TWO?

24

25   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH --



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 20?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON 20, DO WE DO ONE WEEK?

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL REALLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS GET  
7 THE INFORMATION AS FAR AS GOING THROUGH HER REPORT AND GETTING  
8 ALL OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THAT'S  
9 WHY WE THOUGHT TWO WEEKS. ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION  
10 TO THAT? ALL RIGHT. FOR TWO WEEKS.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
15 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 28 AND 29.  
18 ON ITEM 28, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THIS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
19 OFFICER REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TO APRIL 15. HOWEVER,  
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE AN  
23 OBJECTION TO THAT BEING CONTINUED?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I THINK SO. I WANT TO DISCUSS IT  
2   BEFORE WE CONTINUE IT. I THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM CONTINUING IT  
3   BECAUSE OF TIME ISSUES. THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO HOLD IT.

4

5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. SO ITEM 29 IS BEFORE YOU.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
8   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, ITEM 30.

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
13   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 31.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 32.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
23   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 33  
2 AND 34. ON ITEM NUMBER 33, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
3 VOTES "NO." ON ITEM-

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
6 KNABE, AND THE VOTE ON THAT IS 4 VOTED "YES" AND ONE "NO",  
7 MOLINA. THAT ITEM IS CARRIED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 34, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
10 REQUESTS THAT IT BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S GOING TO CLOSED  
13 SESSION.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 35.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY  
21 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE  
22 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS  
23 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 36-A, HOLD  
24 FOR PETER BAXTER. 36-B.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, -- I'M SORRY. MOVED BY  
2    ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
3

4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 36-C, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR  
5    YAROSLAVSKY. 36-D IS BEFORE YOU.  
6

7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
8    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
11   AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS, BEGIN WITH  
12   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3.  
13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK THAT WE CAN  
15   RECONSIDER 18 AND HOLD IT?  
16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE  
18   THAT ITEM 18 BE RECONSIDERED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT ITEM,  
19   YOU WISH TO HOLD THAT. RIGHT?  
20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.  
22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 18 WILL BE HELD. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR  
24   MOLINA, PERHAPS WE SHOULD TAKE THE FIRST PRESENTATION, AND AS  
25   BOARD CHAIR, I'M VERY PLEASED TO JOIN SUPERVISOR GLORIA



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1 MOLINA, FOUNDER OF THE SECOND ANNUAL CEASAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY  
2 SERVICE WEEK AS THE COUNTY SALUTES THE LIFE AND CORE VALUES OF  
3 A GREAT AMERICAN HERO. BEFORE SUPERVISOR MOLINA PRESENTS THE  
4 SCROLL TO CESAR CHAVEZ FOUNDATION, C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN WILL  
5 PROVIDE US WITH AN OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNED CELEBRATION AND  
6 ACTIVITIES.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN BURKE, BOARD  
9 MEMBERS. AS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR,  
10 MY OFFICE AND PARTNERED DEPARTMENTS LAUNCHED THE SECOND ANNUAL  
11 CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK PROGRAM LAST THURSDAY,  
12 WITH THE OPENING OF THE CHAVEZ ART EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY  
13 MUSEUM OF ART. WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE MUSEUM  
14 DIRECTOR ANDREA RICH AND HER STAFF, AN IMPRESSIVE OPENING  
15 CELEBRATION WAS HELD AT LACMA WEST UNVEILING THE MUSEUM'S  
16 CESAR CHAVEZ A LEGACY OF IDEAS EXHIBIT. AND THE EXHIBIT WILL  
17 PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW A COLLECTION OF  
18 ART WHICH HONORS THE HUMANITY OF THE WORKER AND THE DIGNITY OF  
19 LABOR. THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN LACMA WEST WHICH ALSO HOSTS  
20 THE LUAN COLLECTION OF LATIN MASTERS AND IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC  
21 THROUGH MARCH THE 31ST, FREE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH MARCH 31ST.  
22 THE OPENING CEREMONIES ON THURSDAY ALSO FEATURED A PREVIEW OF  
23 THE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL FOCUS ON CESAR  
24 CHAVEZ WEEK, INCLUDING THE CESAR CHAVEZ ON-LINE CURRICULUM  
25 DEVELOPED BY DENNIS O'LEARY. WITH US TODAY IS COUNTY LIBRARIAN



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1 MARGARET TODD, WHO WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE  
2 LIBRARY'S ACTIVITIES AS PART OF THE WEEK OF CELEBRATION.  
3 MARGARET?

4

5 **MARGARET TODD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT IS A GREAT  
6 PRIVILEGE FOR OUR DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS  
7 CELEBRATION. AS MR. JANSSEN HAS SAID, OUR LIBRARY WEB SITE HAS  
8 A LISTING OF ALL THE NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES AND THAT WONDERFUL  
9 CURRICULUM, WHICH IS UNIQUE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE THE  
10 ONLY SOURCE FOR TEACHERS WHO WISH TO TEACH THE LIFE OF CESAR  
11 CHAVEZ. WE WILL HAVE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT OUR PUBLIC  
12 LIBRARIES ALL WEEK AND WE'RE PRIVILEGED TO ALSO HAVE COUNTY  
13 EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERING. WE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS AND  
14 LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BEFORE I INTRODUCE OUR NEXT DEPARTMENT  
19 PARTNER, LAST THURSDAY'S OPENING CEREMONIES ALSO INCLUDED AN  
20 ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCE BY A VERY TALENTED YOUNG  
21 LADY, EIGHT YEAR OLD MAUREEN SANCHEZ. I'M VERY PLEASED TO  
22 WELCOME HER TODAY ALONG WITH THE MARIACHI ORA AHALINO, THESE  
23 TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE REPRESENT MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH  
24 SCHOOLS IN LA HABRA, WHITTIER, BELLE GARDENS, MONTEBELLO,  
25 SANTA FE SPRINGS, AND LOMIDA. PLEASE WELCOME THE MARIACHI ORA





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1 AHALINO FROM SORENSEN PARK IN WEST WHITTIER, THEY WILL PLAY DE  
2 CALORUS, FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY MAUREEN SANCHEZ,  
3 LA QUIERO VALAR. [ MUSIC ] [ MUSIC ] [ SINGING ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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5 **MAUREEN SANCHEZ:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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7 **ALL:** [ SPEAKING SPANISH ]

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9 **MAUREEN SANCHEZ:** THE NEXT SONG IS LA QUIERO VALAR. [ MUSIC ] [  
10 SINGING ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **MAUREEN SANCHEZ:** GRACIAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO GO AHEAD. OKAY. LET'S GIVE ANOTHER HAND FOR  
15 MAUREEN SANCHEZ, EIGHT YEARS OLD, AND MARIACHI ORA AHALINO. [  
16 APPLAUSE ]

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18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THIS PERFORMANCE IS A VERY REAL EXAMPLE OF THE  
19 CULTURAL LEGACY AND MUSICAL HERITAGE THAT IS NOURISHED IN OUR  
20 COUNTY PARKS TO PROVIDE US WITH AN OVERVIEW OF THE CESAR  
21 CHAVEZ CELEBRATIONS AT OUR PARKS, PLEASE WELCOME PARKS  
22 DIRECTOR, TIM GALLAGHER. TIM?

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24 **TIM GALLAGHER:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS JUST INCREDIBLE.

25 CONGRATULATIONS. ON BEHALF OF THE PARK AND RECREATION STAFF,



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1 WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE PART OF THE SECOND ANNUAL CESAR  
2 CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK PROGRAM. MR. CHAVEZ BELIEVED  
3 THAT MUCH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IF PEOPLE WORKED TOGETHER AND  
4 BELIEVED VERY STRONGLY IN SOMETHING. BUILDING ON LAST YEAR'S  
5 SUCCESS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PROGRAMS NOW INCLUDE A BROAD  
6 RANGE OF FAMILY EVENTS, YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING  
7 PROJECTS. I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SAMPLING OF WHAT WE HAVE  
8 AVAILABLE THIS WEEK. SOME PROGRAMS HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED AND  
9 MOST WILL BE CONTINUING THROUGH THE WEEK AND URGE EVERYONE TO  
10 ATTEND SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS. THEY'RE ALL LISTED ON THE  
11 COUNTY LIBRARY'S WEB SITE. INITIALLY THIS PAST SATURDAY, WE  
12 HOSTED A FAMILY FESTIVAL AND CELEBRITY SOFTBALL GAME AT  
13 SUNSHINE PARK IN LA PUENTE. A CESAR CHAVEZ FAMILY CELEBRATION  
14 WAS HELD IN SALAZAR PARK YESTERDAY FROM 6:00 TO 8:00. TOMORROW  
15 WE WILL HOST A YOUTH ACTIVITIES DAY AT EL CARIZO PARK IN  
16 SILMAR ALONG WITH AN EVENING CELEBRATION FOR THE FAMILY AND A  
17 SIMILAR CELEBRATION AT BASSAR PARK IN LA PUENTE. THURSDAY A  
18 SENIOR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT DEXTER PARK IN SAN FERNANDO  
19 ALONG WITH AN EVENING CELEBRATION AT ROOSEVELT PARK IN LOS  
20 ANGELES. FRIDAY, WE'LL HOST YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN MONA ALTA PARK  
21 IN ALTADENA ALONG WITH AN EVENING ACTIVITY AT MAYBERRY PARK IN  
22 WHITTIER. SATURDAY WE HAVE OUR SECOND ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ TEEN  
23 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT BELVEDERE PARK, AND MONDAY, OUR ACTIVE  
24 PROGRAMS CONCLUDE WITH CELEBRATION OF A GARDEN DEDICATION AT  
25 CAROLYN ROSE'S PARK IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. WHAT'S SIGNIFICANT



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1 ABOUT THE GARDEN DEDICATION IS WE'VE IDENTIFIED AND PURCHASED  
2 A CESAR CHAVEZ ROSE THAT WILL BE PLANTED AT THE PARK ON THAT  
3 DATE. WE ALSO ARE VERY ACTIVE RIGHT NOW IN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER  
4 PROJECTS. CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW AT FARNSWORTH PARK IN ALTADENA,  
5 WE HAVE ABOUT TWO DOZEN VOLUNTEERS COMPLETING PAINTING  
6 PROJECTS, AND THESE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS WILL CONCLUDE ON MARCH  
7 31ST, CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY, AT BELVEDERE PARK, AND WE'RE  
8 VERY THANKFUL TO HAVE THOSE PROJECTS AND THE HELP FROM THE  
9 COMMUNITY. ON BEHALF OF THE PARK AND REC DEPARTMENT, WE  
10 CORDIALLY INVITE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE. AGAIN, THE SITES AND  
11 PROGRAMS ARE LISTED IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY'S WEB SITE. AND IN  
12 CONCLUDING, I JUST WANT TO MENTION, HIS WORDS ARE IMPORTANT TO  
13 REMEMBER. BELIEVE STRONGLY AND WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU. [  
14 APPLAUSE ]

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16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU, TIM. OTHER COUNTY CHAVEZ PROGRAM  
17 PARTNER DEPARTMENTS INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND  
18 SENIOR SERVICES. BOB RYAN AND HIS STAFF, THANK YOU FOR  
19 SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S FOOD DRIVE THAT'LL BE HELD DURING THIS  
20 WEEK. A BIG THANKS ALSO TO THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, DR.  
21 DARLENE ROBLUS AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN DISTRIBUTING  
22 THE CURRICULUM TO OVER 1600 SCHOOLS IN THE LOS ANGELES SCHOOL  
23 DISTRICT, AND THIRD, A NOTE OF APPRECIATION GOES TO THE COUNTY  
24 ARTS COMMISSION FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP OF MUSICAL  
25 PERFORMANCES DURING CESAR CHAVEZ WEEK. PRESENTING THE LIFE AND



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1 CORE VALUES OF CESAR CHAVEZ THROUGH THE LEARNING ACTIVITIES,  
2 THE ART, AND -- ARTS AND VOLUNTEERISM HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF  
3 THIS PROGRAM. PASSING HIS LEGACY ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION IS  
4 OUR GOAL. OUR NEXT PARTNER DEPARTMENT PROBATION HAS PLAYED A  
5 KEY ROLE IN REACHING OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED MENTORING  
6 AND MODELS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP. PLEASE WELCOME GETAHARI IMARA,  
7 WHO WILL INTRODUCE SOME VERY SPECIAL GUESTS. PAUL HEGA OF THE  
8 DEPARTMENT, ARE YOU GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS, PAUL?

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10 **PAUL HEGA:** YES. ON BEHALF OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WE'RE  
11 VERY PLEASED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE COUNTY'S SECOND  
12 ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ CELEBRATION. WE'VE USED THIS TIME TO HAVE  
13 OUR YOUTH AND OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND PROBATION CAMPS, AND IN  
14 OUR COMMUNITY SETTINGS TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF CESAR  
15 CHAVEZ, BOTH IN THIS DIVERSITY AND IN COMMUNITY SERVICE. WE'VE  
16 DONE A NUMBER OF WRITING PROJECT, ART PROJECTS, READINGS. WE  
17 HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE UP HERE. WE HAVE MELVIN POLA AND WENDY  
18 THAT HAVE PRODUCED SOME OF THE ARTWORK THAT'S UP HERE, AND  
19 WE'RE GOING TO ASK MELVIN TO DO A BRIEF READING OF SOME OF THE  
20 COLLECTION OF EXCERPTS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED.

21

22 **MELVIN POLA:** ALTHOUGH HE HAD AN EIGHTH GRADE EDUCATION AND WAS  
23 POOR CESAR CHAVEZ WENT DOWN IN HISTORY AS AN AMERICAN HERO  
24 BECAUSE HE LIVED -- BECAUSE HE BELIEVED LIKE MARTIN LUTHER  
25 KING IN NONVIOLENCE, DESPITE THE OPPOSITION HE GOT UP, SMILED,



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1 AND KEPT MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE HE HAD A GOAL AND THAT WAS TO  
2 MAKE A CHANGE. THE MOMENT HE STARTED -- THE MOMENT HE STARTED  
3 CHANGED LIVES CESAR CHAVEZ STOOD UP FOR ALL THE FARM WORKERS  
4 BY TRYING TO END THEIR POVERTY, MISERY, AND INJUSTICE. HE  
5 FOUGHT FOR A BETTER TREATMENT OF FARM WORKERS, NOT ONLY IN  
6 CALIFORNIA, BUT IN THE WHOLE UNITED STATES. CESAR CHAVEZ TRIED  
7 TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM BECOMING ILL DUE TO PESTICIDES USAGE,  
8 SIMPLY PUT, HE MADE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. CESAR  
9 CHAVEZ, I THINK MANY PEOPLE AGREE WITH ME, AND IS A GREAT MAN  
10 -- AND WAS A GREAT MAN AND THAT'S WHY WE HONOR HIS LIFE AND  
11 LEGACY TODAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S HAVE A BIG HAND FOR ALL OF  
14 THESE TALENTED YOUNG PICTURE -- PEOPLE, AND THEN MAYBE WE CAN  
15 GET A PICTURE WITH THE BOARD. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE COULD GET EVERYONE TO ASK TO STAY UP HERE.  
18 I WANT TO MAKE A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE CESAR CHAVEZ  
19 FOUNDATION WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED AND INSTRUMENTAL IN THIS.  
20 FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK EVERYONE AT THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE  
21 DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. DAVID, YOUR OFFICE AND EVELYN HAVE DONE  
22 A TERRIFIC JOB. THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AN  
23 UNBELIEVABLE JOB IN THE CURRICULUM. IF YOU KNOW, TEACHERS  
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AREA, THEY TRULY APPRECIATE THIS  
25 CURRICULUM BEING ON THE WEB SITE. THEY'VE MADE THESE BOOK





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1 MARKS WITH ALL THE BOOKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FAMILIES,  
2 FOR CHILDREN ABOUT TEACHING, ABOUT THE VALUES OF CESAR CHAVEZ  
3 AND HIS LIFE HISTORY. I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE PARKS, WHAT  
4 THEY'VE DONE. THESE CHILDREN -- OR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PART  
5 OF THE SORENSEN PROGRAM. IT'S A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN WHICH  
6 THEY NOW HAVE A PLACE TO REHEARSE AND PRACTICE AND THEY ALSO  
7 PROVIDE MUSIC LESSONS TO MANY OF THE PUBLIC THAT COMES AND  
8 JOINS WITH THEM, AND THEY'RE LED, OF COURSE, BY MAUREEN, WHO  
9 HAS UNBELIEVABLE TALENT WE'LL SEE AN AWFUL LOT OF. SO WE'RE  
10 VERY PROUD TO HAVE THEM HERE. WE'RE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE  
11 CONTRIBUTION THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT MADE THIS YEAR. THEY  
12 HAVE ALL OF THE ART THAT YOU SEE BACK HERE AS WELL AS THE  
13 POETRY THAT WAS LED BY MELVIN AND WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR  
14 PARTICIPATION IN IT. THE INTEGRATION OF THIS PROGRAM  
15 THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IS TRULY WONDERFUL.  
16 YOU KNOW, THE STATE DECLARED THIS A HOLIDAY OVER THREE YEARS  
17 AGO, A STATE HOLIDAY. WE IN THE COUNTY DECIDED TO GO SOMETHING  
18 DIFFERENT, AND I THINK IT'S BEEN REALLY WONDERFUL. WE HAVE  
19 CREATED A VOLUNTEER DAY. I'M GOING TO BE JOINED -- OR I AM  
20 JOINING OVER 1500 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE GOING TO BE  
21 CONTRIBUTING A DAY OF SERVICE OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. AGAIN,  
22 ONE OF THE VERY IMPORTANT VALUES OF CESAR CHAVEZ, AND THAT IS  
23 GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I'M GOING TO BE PAINTING THE  
24 EASTMONT COMMUNITY CENTER, BUT THERE ARE GOING TO BE 1,500 OF  
25 US THAT ARE GOING TO BE VOLUNTEERING IN PARKS, IN OUR



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1 LIBRARIES AND DIFFERENT VENUES THAT HAVE BEEN SET UP AND THEY  
2 DO A TREMENDOUS JOB. WE SHOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO REMEMBER ALL  
3 THE WONDERFUL THINGS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE  
4 BY THIS MAN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. OF COURSE THE ARTS WERE A  
5 VERY IMPORTANT PART OF HIS LIFE AS WELL AND LACMA WAS  
6 TREMENDOUS, IN PUTTING TOGETHER THAT ART DISPLAY AND MAKING  
7 THIS MUSEUM AVAILABLE FREE TO EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO SEE NOT  
8 ONLY THAT EXHIBIT, BUT THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN EXHIBIT AND  
9 THE CHILDREN'S EXHIBITS THAT ARE THERE AT THE SAME TIME, SO  
10 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEIR PARTICIPATION. CESAR CHAVEZ, AS WE  
11 ALL KNOW, WAS A LEADER -- A LABOR LEADER, A LEADER IN THE  
12 LATINO COMMUNITY, BUT A LEADER OF ALL WORKING FAMILIES. HE  
13 UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY THAT YOU HAD TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF MANY  
14 OF THESE FARM WORKERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE CROPS  
15 THAT WE HAVE AT OUR GROCERY STORES EVERY SINGLE DAY, BUT WE  
16 HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THEY CONTINUE TO TOIL IN THOSE FIELDS  
17 WITH PESTICIDES, WITH UNBELIEVABLE KIND OF SITUATIONS AND MANY  
18 INSTANCES NOT HAVING THE AMENITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO MOST  
19 WORKING FAMILIES, LIKE HEALTHCARE, LIKE TRANSPORTATION, AND  
20 CERTAINLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO  
21 REMEMBER THOSE FARM WORKERS THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY CONTINUE TO  
22 WORK AND TO BENEFIT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US. CESAR CHAVEZ IS  
23 REMEMBERED EVERY SINGLE DAY. THE SONG DE CALORUS THAT THEY  
24 WALKED IN WITH WAS A SONG THAT HAS NOW BEEN ADOPTED BY  
25 CAMPASINOS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT INSPIRES THEM, IT



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1 MOTIVATES THEM, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT REMINDS THEM OF CESAR  
2 CHAVEZ AND THE UNBELIEVABLE LEADERSHIP THAT HE PROVIDED TO  
3 CAMPASINOS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY. BUT THIS YEAR, THE COUNTY  
4 IS DOING ALL KINDS OF THINGS, INCLUDING A MAJOR FOOD BANK. WE  
5 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SITES TO 168 SO THAT  
6 PEOPLE CAN CONTRIBUTE FOOD TO OUR FOOD BANK. THIS YEAR, WE  
7 HAVE ALREADY OVER 16,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR NEEDY FAMILIES  
8 THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. SO I'M VERY PROUD TO JOIN WITH  
9 EVERYONE HERE IN BRINGING THIS KIND OF SUPPORT TO THIS VERY  
10 IMPORTANT MAN AND THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT WEEK. I AM PROUD  
11 THAT I CAN MAKE A PRESENTATION HERE TO JULIE CHAVEZ, ONE OF  
12 THE GRAND DAUGHTERS OF CESAR CHAVEZ, STILL VERY INVOLVED WITH  
13 THE FARM WORKERS, AND TO PAY TRIBUTE AGAIN TO THE OUTSTANDING  
14 WORK AND THE LEGACY THAT CESAR CHAVEZ HAS LEFT WITH FOR EVERY  
15 SINGLE ONE OF US. SO JULIE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS WE MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU AND WE THANK YOU.  
17 [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **JULIE CHAVEZ:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. ON BEHALF OF THE CHAVEZ  
20 FOUNDATION AND, OF COURSE, MY GRANDMOTHER, HELEN CHAVEZ AND  
21 THE CHAVEZ FAMILY, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR HER  
22 LEADERSHIP IN REALLY SPEARHEADING THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. THIS  
23 IS ONE OF THE ONLY COUNTIES ACROSS THE NATION THAT HAS REALLY  
24 TAKEN CESAR'S LEGACY TO THE NEXT GENERATION IN A VERY  
25 MEANINGFUL AND SUBSTANTIVE WAY. THIS YEAR MARKS THE TENTH



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1 ANNIVERSARY OF MY GRANDFATHER'S PASSING, AND WITH THAT I THINK  
2 IT REALLY PROVIDED US WITH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON  
3 HIS LIFE, ON HIS VALUES, AND WHAT IT IS THAT HE STOOD FOR SO  
4 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AS A COMMUNITY. I THINK  
5 IT'S PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO REALLY EMBRACE CAESAR'S VALUES  
6 OF NONVIOLENCE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS DURING THESE TIMES AND  
7 REALLY ENSURE THAT OUR FUTURE LEADERS HAVE THE SKILLS AND  
8 MOTIVATION TO REALLY CONTINUE FORWARD AND TO MAKE THIS WORLD A  
9 BETTER PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE. SO AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
10 COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE STUDENTS FOR THEIR  
11 TREMENDOUS WORK AND SUPPORT AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN REALLY  
12 MAKING THIS WEEK A TREMENDOUS TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDFATHER AND  
13 REALLY ACTIVELY CARRYING OUT HIS LEGACY, SO THANK YOU ALL VERY  
14 MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU'RE UP FIRST. SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
17 FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
20 I'D LIKE TO INVITE HEIDI GALLEGOS, NANCY BALLANTINE, DR. RON  
21 LEON AND STUDENTS FROM THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO  
22 PLEASE JOIN ME UP HERE, AND ASK NATALIE MACIAS AND DEPUTY DANA  
23 CHEMNITZER FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO  
24 JOIN US AS WELL. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAFE  
25 COMMUNITY WEEKS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OBVIOUSLY THE VITALITY



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1 OF THE COUNTY DEPENDS ON HOW SAFE WE ARE ABLE TO KEEP OUR  
2 HOMES, NEIGHBORHOODS, WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES. CRIME AND  
3 FEAR DIMINISHED OUR TRUST IN OTHERS AND OUR INSTITUTIONS,  
4 THREATENING THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND PROSPERITY. OBVIOUSLY  
5 IN THIS GREAT TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO  
6 BE VIGILANT AND WATCHFUL OF OUR SURROUNDINGS. THE TERRORISTS  
7 THAT ATTACKED OUR NATION ON 9/11 LIVED IN NEIGHBORHOOD  
8 COMMUNITIES. WE MUST REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR EYES AND EARS OPEN  
9 FOR ALL KINDS OF ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
10 OFFICERS. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES MUST UNITE ALL ELEMENTS OF THE  
11 COMMUNITY IN CREATING A SAFE, HEALTHY AND CRIME-FREE  
12 ENVIRONMENT. OPERATION SAFE COMMUNITY, THE ROWLAND UNIFIED  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE WALNUT SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION  
14 HAVE PARTNERED IN THIS ENDEAVOR FOR MANY YEARS AND HAVE  
15 SUCCESSFULLY INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN CRIME PREVENTION AND  
16 EFFORTS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SO ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND  
17 THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO -- WE HAVE A SCROLL HERE TO HEIDI AND  
18 TO NANCY WHO ARE CO-CHAIRS OF OPERATION SAFE COMMUNITY. DR.  
19 RON LEON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROWLAND UNIFIED DISTRICT,  
20 NATALIE MACIAS AND DEPUTY DANA CHEMNITZER FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN CREATING A VERY SAFE  
22 ENVIRONMENT. THEN WE ALSO HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL AWARDS.  
23 EVERYBODY'S HERE. ALL RIGHT. COME ON UP. YOU ALWAYS WONDER  
24 WHEN YOU MAKE THOSE IF THEY ALL SHOW UP AND ANYWAY, SO WE  
25 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS. IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT EVENT, BUT IT





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1 ALSO IS A GREAT EVENT FOR OUR COUNTY AND HEIGHTENED AWARENESS  
2 AROUND US AND WHAT'S GOING ON AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THESE  
3 TWO SCROLLS IN RECOGNITION OF SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK. [  
4 APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** IN ADDITION, WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL CERTIFICATES  
7 WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO -- EACH YEAR WE HAVE A BADGE DESIGN  
8 CONTEST AS WELL AS A -- I FINALLY FOUND OUT LAST YEAR WHAT A  
9 PEACHY COVER CONTEST IS, BUT THIS YEAR FOR KAREN ASARIO, A  
10 FIFTH GRADER AT NORTHRAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHO WAS THE FIRST  
11 PLACE WINNER IN THE SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK BADGE DESIGN  
12 CONTEST. KAREN, ALL RIGHT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** DON BORROW, AN EIGHTH GRADER AT GIANO INTERMEDIATE  
15 SCHOOL WAS A RUNNER UP IN THE PEACHY COVER CONTEST. [ APPLAUSE  
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18 **SUP. KNABE:** AND FIRST PLACE, ON OUR PEACHY CONTEST, WAS SONNY  
19 NIRVAZ, AN EIGHTH GRADER AT ALVARADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL,  
20 SONNY, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. NATALIE. WHERE ARE YOU, WELL SAY A  
23 COUPLE WORDS AND.

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1   **NATALIE MACIAS:** I KNOW. WE'RE THRILLED THIS MORNING TO HAVE  
2   THE SHERIFF UP HERE WITH US TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD ON  
3   BEHALF OF SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS EITHER  
4   OUR TENTH OR ELEVENTH, DEPENDING ON OUR HISTORIANS HERE FOR  
5   DOING THIS ACTIVITY, AND WE'RE THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE  
6   THIS WEEK WITH CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK BECAUSE  
7   THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT HERE, TRYING TO PLAN SOME  
8   ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY, TO KEEP THEM SAFE. WE  
9   STARTED OFF THIS WEEK ON SATURDAY, OUR KICKOFF WAS A HOMELAND  
10   SECURITY SEMINAR THAT WE'VE OFFERED FOR OUR BLOCK WATCH  
11   CAPTAINS, OUR VOLUNTEERS, OUR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES,  
12   OUR CLERGY COUNCILS AND OUR RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
13   WE'RE GOING TO BE OFFERING THIS ON A MONTHLY BASIS, BUT IT WAS  
14   A GREAT KICKOFF TO MAKE PEOPLE MORE AWARE OF WHAT THEY CAN DO  
15   TO BE SAFE AND TO CREATE SAFE COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE A TOWN HALL  
16   MEETING TONIGHT IN ALTADENA. WE HAD A COMMUNITY PEACE MARCH IN  
17   SUPERVISOR BURKE'S DISTRICT ALSO THIS PAST SATURDAY, AND A  
18   NUMBER OF PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTATIONS AND INTERACTIONS. WE'LL  
19   BE CULMINATING THIS WEEK'S SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK WITH OUR  
20   ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT ROWLAND HEIGHTS PARK WITH LOTS OF  
21   ENTERTAINMENT JUST LIKE THE MARIACHIS THAT WE HEARD THIS  
22   MORNING, I WANTED TO GET UP HERE AND START PLAYING WITH THEM,  
23   AND WE'LL HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER GROUPS TO AGAIN HIGHLIGHT THE  
24   THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE. WE HOPE  
25   YOU'LL BE ABLE TO JOIN US THIS SATURDAY AT ROWLAND HEIGHTS



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1 PARK. SUPERVISOR KNABE, SHERIFF BACA, I KNOW THAT TIM FROM  
2 PARKS AND RECS, OUR COUNTY FIRE CHIEF, THEY'LL ALL BE THERE.  
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR, AND PLEASE, LET'S ALL WORK  
4 TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFER. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **NANCY BALLANTYNE:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF  
7 OF ROWLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT I'M HAPPY TO PRESENT TO YOU THESE  
8 BADGES, BOOK MARKS, WHICH WERE CREATED BY KAREN ASARIO SO THAT  
9 YOU MAY ALL HAVE THEM AND BE AWARE OF THE WONDERFUL  
10 CELEBRATION THAT WE'RE HAVING IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR SAFE  
11 COMMUNITIES WEEK. [ APPLAUSE ].

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND I ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE  
18 TWO OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS IN OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. CASTAIC  
19 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CULVER CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL. CASTAIC MIDDLE  
20 SCHOOL, WHICH TEACHES 1,800 STUDENTS FROM GRADES FOUR TO EIGHT  
21 WAS DESIGNATED FOR THE PROGRAM AFTER IT WAS IDENTIFIED AS A  
22 HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOL. IT WAS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACADEMIC  
23 EXCELLENCE BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS AND  
24 ORGANIZED TO SUSTAIN CHANGE AS IT NOW SERVES AS A ROLE MODEL  
25 FOR OTHER SCHOOLS TO VISIT AND LEARN FROM. SO JOINING US TODAY



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1 IS THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MARCUS DANES, THE SUPERINTENDENT  
2 BEVERLY SILSBEE, AND THE CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL  
3 MEMBER NORA EMMONS, SO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
4 LET US RECOGNIZE THE GREAT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CASTAIC MIDDLE  
5 SCHOOL FOR THEIR AWARD TODAY.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL WAIT 'TIL THEY TAKE THEIR PICTURE AND  
8 THEN I -- CULVER CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS BEEN NAMED A MODEL  
9 MIDDLE SCHOOL BY THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH TAKING CENTER  
10 STAGE PROGRAM. THESE ARE SCHOOLS THAT ARE ACADEMICALLY  
11 EXCELLENT, DEVELOPMENTALLY RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF YOUNG  
12 ADOLESCENTS, SOCIALLY EQUITABLE AND ORGANIZED IN A WAY TO  
13 SUSTAIN DYNAMIC IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM. ONLY FOUR SUCH SCHOOLS  
14 HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED IN THE STATE. EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE  
15 SCHOOLS WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF MIDDLE  
16 SCHOOLS CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO. THE CALIFORNIA PROGRAM IS  
17 AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS TO WATCH PROGRAM  
18 SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL FORUM TO ACCELERATE MIDDLE GRADES  
19 REFORM. DESIGNATED SCHOOLS WILL SERVE AS MODELS FOR OTHER  
20 SCHOOLS TO VISIT, LEARN FROM, AND EMULATE, AND VIRTUAL TOURS  
21 OF THE SCHOOLS WILL BE DEVELOPED AND POSTED ON-LINE BY THIS  
22 SUMMER. IT'S WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN  
23 RECOGNITION OF BEING NAMED A MODEL SCHOOL TO CULVER CITY  
24 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ACCEPTING THE AWARD ARE PATRICIA JAFFEY,  
25 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND EMILIO PEP. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** EMILIO, ARE YOU COMING UP? WELL SHE'S --  
3 YOU'RE GETTING THE MICROPHONE I'D LIKE TO ASK MISS ROBLISS,  
4 DARLENE ROBLISS, SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY'S BOARD OF EDUCATION  
5 TO COME FORWARD TOO, THIS IS CERTAINLY AN HONOR FOR US, AND  
6 EMILIO HASN'T COME UP YET. WE'RE LOOKING FOR HIM.

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8 **DARLENE ROBLISS:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
9 ALL THESE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. IT IS A WONDERFUL  
10 OPPORTUNITY FOR CASTAIC MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CULVER CITY AND THE  
11 OTHER TWO SCHOOLS, NOT ONLY TO CONSTANTLY REASSESS WHAT WE'RE  
12 DOING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILDREN, BUT TO WORK WITH ALL THE  
13 MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO BE A RESOURCE TO TALK ON HOW WE  
14 CAN IMPROVE PROGRAMS AND SHARE OUR INSIGHTS WITH OTHERS TO  
15 MAKE THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE. THANK  
16 YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **PATRICIA JAFFEY:** I'M PATRICIA JAFFEY, PRINCIPAL OF CULVER CITY  
19 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY WITH MY  
20 SUPERINTENDENT, DR. LAURA MCGOY, ONE OF MY TEACHERS, JOHN  
21 TOBIAS, WHO IS ALSO A FORMER RECIPIENT OF THE HYMIE ESCALANTE  
22 AWARD. EMILIO PEP, MY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, AND IN MY AUDIENCE,  
23 I HAVE TWO OF MY FABULOUS PARENTS, DR. SKY MCDUGAL, LISA  
24 GARCIA, AND MY WONDERFUL SECRETARY LILA PEELER. AND THE REASON  
25 I HAVE SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP IS BECAUSE CULVER CITY MIDDLE





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1 SCHOOL RECEIVED THIS AWARD BECAUSE WE ARE A COMMUNITY, WE ARE  
2 A TEAM, AND EVERY PERSON IS A PART OF IT, AND IT HAS BEEN A  
3 WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE MEETING THE PRINCIPALS FROM THE OTHER  
4 FOUR SCHOOLS AND ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER WE'LL CONTINUE TO  
5 MAKE SURE THAT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS ARE THE BIGGEST AND THE  
6 BRIGHTEST AND THE BEST IN THE ENTIRE NATION. THANK YOU. [  
7 APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TWO OF OUR  
10 OUTSTANDING DEPUTY SHERIFF'S IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
11 WE HAVE OUR SHERIFF AS WELL IS HERE TO JOIN IN THIS, LEROY  
12 BACA, ALONG WITH CAPTAIN RUSSELL COLLINS AS WE CONGRATULATE  
13 DEPUTIES PAUL ARCHIBALD AND JOHN ROSE, WHO WERE NAMED AS  
14 OFFICERS OF THE MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY BY THE NATIONAL  
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FUND. THE DEPUTIES BOTH  
16 CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE SAN DIMAS STATION WERE SELECTED FOR  
17 THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS IN RESCUING MRS. SIGRID HOBSON WHO WAS  
18 TRAPPED BY THE LABOR DAY ANGELES NATIONAL FIRE, IT'S WHAT'S  
19 CALLED THE CURVE FIRE. FAMILIAR WITH THE LOCATION OF THE  
20 VICTIM'S REMOTE CABIN, THE DEPUTIES DROVE OFF THE ROAD INTO  
21 THE BURNING FOREST, NAVIGATING THEIR WAY AROUND THE BURNING  
22 BUSH AND DEBRIS AND ROCK SLIDES. WHILE DEPUTY ARCHIBALD STAYED  
23 WITH THE VEHICLE AND DEPUTY ROSE RAN THE QUARTER MILE TO THE  
24 CABIN WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO ESCORT MRS. HOBSON BACK TO THE  
25 VEHICLE AND DRIVE SAFELY, AND THE OFFICERS DID SUFFER



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1 INJURIES, BUT ON BEHALF OF THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS, WE WOULD LIKE  
2 TO RECOGNIZE THEM AND THESE ARE THE TYPE OF ROLE MODELS THAT  
3 WE ARE VERY PROUD OF IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH OUR SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT. SO, PAUL?

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6 **SHERIFF BACA:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE  
7 ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE HONORS THAT YOU HAVE  
8 BESTOWED UPON OUR TWO DEPUTIES. THEY ALSO RECEIVED A NATIONAL  
9 AWARD FOR THIS RESCUE EFFORT. LET ME TRY AND PUT A LITTLE MORE  
10 EMPHASIS ON HOW BIG THIS IS. WHEN THE NATIONAL FOREST WAS  
11 GOING, THERE WAS A WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A VERY ISOLATED PART OF  
12 THE FOREST MILES OFF THE MAIN ROAD, AND THE FIRE HAD ENGULFED  
13 HER COMMUNITY, MEANING HER HOME AREA, WHICH IS RATHER  
14 ISOLATED, AND SHE MADE A CONSCIOUS DECISION THAT SHE WOULD  
15 TAKE HER OWN LIFE. AND SHE KILLED HER PET, HER DOG, AND, OF  
16 COURSE, OUR DEPUTIES WHO WORK UP IN THE ANGELES FOREST KNEW OF  
17 HER, KNEW HER PERSONALLY, AND WHEN ALL OF THE SIGNALS OF WHAT  
18 WAS DESCRIBED AS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK TO GO BACK AND FIND HER  
19 AND BRING HER OUT WERE RELAYED TO HER -- RELAYED TO THESE TWO  
20 DEPUTIES, AND WHEN OTHERS WERE SAYING, "YOU CAN'T GO BACK  
21 THERE," AND I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHO "THE OTHERS" ARE,  
22 BUT THEY WERE DEFINITELY TOLD, "DON'T GO BACK THERE BECAUSE  
23 YOU WILL LOSE YOUR LIVES AS WELL," THEY STILL BELIEVED THAT  
24 THEY COULD SAFELY GET BACK. THEY TRAVERSED THE AREA, THE ROADS  
25 WHEN FIRES WERE PROHIBITIVE AND THEY KEPT ON GOING BACK TO



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1 REACH HER, AND WHEN THEY REACHED HER, SHE LITERALLY HAD THE  
2 GUN IN HER HAND AND WAS READY TO KILL HERSELF. INSTEAD, THEY  
3 SAW EACH OTHER, THEY WERE ABLE TO ASSURE HER THAT THEY COULD  
4 GET HER OUT SAFELY, AND THEREFORE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO GET  
5 IN, RESCUING HER AND RISKING ALL THREE LIVES TO GET BACK OUT  
6 THAT'S WHY THEY'RE GIVEN THIS AWARD TODAY, AND I THANK YOU. [  
7 APPLAUSE ]

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9 **RUSSELL COLLINS:** WE AT SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION ARE VERY,  
10 VERY PROUD OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS. THEY TRULY HAVE EARNED  
11 THE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, AND I WILL  
12 TELL YOU THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS EXEMPLIFY THE MODEL FOR THE  
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TRADITION OF SERVICE. AND I WANT TO THANK  
14 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE  
15 THEM. IT TRULY IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO AND I APPRECIATE YOUR  
16 SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL  
19 WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 30 YEARS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND  
20 THAT'S ADOLFO LARA, WHO IS ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER WITH THE  
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT BACK IN 1974  
22 AND BECAME A TRIAL LAWYER, PROVIDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO  
23 INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH THE MOST SERIOUS AND COMPLEX  
24 FELONIES. HE WAS PROMOTED TO DIVISION CHIEF OF CENTRAL  
25 MISDEMEANOR TRAINING BUREAU, CHIEF OF CENTRAL COURT OPERATIONS



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1 AND TO ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER WHERE HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN  
2 FACILITATING THE RECRUITMENT AND HIRING FROM 1994 THROUGH THIS  
3 YEAR, 2003. WITH HIM THIS MORNING IS HIS WIFE, KATHY; HIS  
4 SISTER, EVA GONZALEZ, AND OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER MICHAEL JUDGE.  
5 SO ADOLFO, CONGRATULATIONS AND WISH YOU ANOTHER GOOD 30 YEARS  
6 IN RETIREMENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **ADOLFO LARA:** THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION. IT'S BEEN AN  
9 HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY  
10 FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, AND ESPECIALLY THE LAST 10  
11 YEARS UNDER MICHAEL JUDGE. I CAN TRULY SAY THAT I'VE ENJOYED  
12 MY JOB EVERY DAY OF THE 30 YEARS AND I THANK EVERYBODY  
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** I THINK EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW THAT ADOLFO'S WORK  
16 BROUGHT HIM INTO OUR RECRUITING IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE HAS BEEN  
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF OVER TWO-THIRDS OF OUR  
18 ATTORNEY STAFF AT A TIME WHEN WE BROUGHT INTO THE DEPARTMENT  
19 THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND DIVERSE GROUP OF ATTORNEYS THAT  
20 WE'VE EVER ENJOYED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ADOLFO WAS ONE OF  
21 THE TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT SCREENED ALL OF THEM, THOUSANDS OF  
22 LAWYERS, JUST TO END UP WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED, AND HIS JUDGMENT  
23 WAS ALWAYS EXCELLENT. HE'S ALSO TAKEN SOME OF THE TOUGHEST  
24 ASSIGNMENTS THE DEPARTMENT HAS AND HE'S ALSO TAKEN US INTO  
25 SOME NEW AREAS. HE ESTABLISHED AN EMERGENT BILINGUAL PROGRAM



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1 FOR OUR STAFF THAT PROVIDES A TRAINING PROGRAM THAT CAUSES  
2 THEM TO BECOME PROFICIENT IN SPEAKING SPANISH. HE ALSO HAS  
3 BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HOMELESS COURT, HE'S BEEN AT THE VANGUARD  
4 OF PROGRAMS THAT BRING NEW KINDS OF SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO GET  
5 TANGLED UP IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, IN A WAY THAT'S  
6 MORE HUMANE AND CHEAPER AND MORE EFFECTIVE IN TERMS OF SOLVING  
7 THE FUNDAMENTAL UNDERLYING PROBLEMS THAT BRING THEM INTO THE  
8 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. HE HAS DONE A SPLENDID JOB. IT'S A  
9 TREMENDOUS LOSS THAT HE'S RETIRING, BUT HE'S ALSO A GOOD  
10 FRIEND AND I KNOW HE DESERVES IT, AND GOD BLESS HIM. THANK  
11 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, THERE'S A -- I SAW WHO HAD ARRIVED, AND  
14 I GUESS HE'S IN THE BACK THERE. PERHAPS THEY COULD BRING OUT  
15 DR. DAVID SANDERS, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
16 SERVICES HAS ARRIVED FROM ZERO WEATHER IN MINNEAPOLIS,  
17 MINNESOTA. HE JUST WALKED -- OKAY, WHEN HE COMES BACK, WE'LL  
18 BRING HIM UP AND HE'S AN INCREDIBLE PERSON AND HE HAS A GREAT  
19 BACKGROUND AND HE'LL DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB FOR OUR COUNTY,  
20 ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN IN DEPENDENCY COURT AND FOSTER  
21 CARE, AND FOR THOSE INVOLVED WITH ADOPTIONS. LET ME JUST  
22 CONCLUDE WITH A LITTLE DOMESTIC LONG HAIR MIX. HER NAME IS  
23 CALLIE, AND A LITTLE FEMALE, EIGHT WEEKS OLD, WHO'S LOOKING  
24 FOR A HOME. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? [ MEOWING ] [  
25 LAUGHTER ].



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING HERE? [ MEOWING  
3 ]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SO ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT CALLIE,  
6 SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. [ MEOWING ].

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT. [ MEOWING ]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME WATCHING ON  
11 TELEVISION CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE  
12 AUDIENCE WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT CALLIE. [ MEOWING ]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK SHE -- DID SHE, SHE DIDN'T  
15 SCRATCH, THOUGH HUH? ARE YOU -- DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOURS?  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I DON'T THINK HAS ANY PRESENTATIONS. BEFORE  
17 I START WITH MY PRESENTATIONS, I WANTED TO SEE IF ASSISTANT  
18 SHERIFF DAHLMAN IS HERE, DENNIS DAHLMAN. IS HE STILL HERE? WE  
19 WANTED TO RECOGNIZE HIM. I UNDERSTAND HE'S GETTING READY TO  
20 RETIRE AND WE WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM. HE'LL PROBABLY BE  
21 HERE LATER IN THE DAY. WE HAVE WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE U.S.C.  
22 FOOTBALL TEAM, THE TROJAN FOOTBALL TEAM. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND COMING FORWARD, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, MIKE  
25 GARRETT. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL





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1 TEAM HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A SPORTS POWER HOUSE. OF COURSE  
2 MIKE WAS PART OF THAT POWER HOUSE OVER THE YEARS, AND SOME OF  
3 THE GREATEST PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYERS HAVE GRADUATED FROM  
4 THE TEAM. IN THE 2002 SEASON, THE U.S.C. TROJAN FOOTBALL TEAM  
5 CONTINUED ITS TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE BY COMPILING AN  
6 OUTSTANDING RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. THEIR OVERALL TEAM  
7 RECORD WAS 11 WINS, TWO LOSSES. THE U.S.C. TROJANS WERE 2002  
8 PACIFIC 10 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS. THAT SAME YEAR, THEY HANDILY  
9 DEFEATED TWO OF THEIR TOP RIVALS: U.C.L.A. BY A SCORE OF 52-  
10 TO-21 AND NOTRE DAME BY A SCORE OF 44-TO-13. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE 2002 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER WAS TEAM  
13 MEMBER, CARSON PALMER. AND CARSON PALMER, ALONG WITH DETROIT  
14 PAUL UMLALU, WERE NAMED 2002 ALL AMERICANS. THEY WENT ON TO  
15 THE ORANGE BOWL WHERE THEY DEFEATED AND TO WIN THE ORANGE BOWL  
16 FOR THE 2003 YEAR. I AM AN ALUMNUS AT U.S.C., COURSE U.C.L.A.  
17 UNDERGRADUATE, BUT I'M ALUMNUS U.S.C. LAW SCHOOL AND CERTAINLY  
18 IT'S GREAT PRIDE THAT I TAKE IN PRESENTING THIS SCROLL IN  
19 RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND I WANTED TO  
20 SAY, MIKE, WE HAVE A SPY WHO SAYS THAT YOU STILL RUN -- NOT  
21 RUN, SPRINT DOWN THE STREET EVERY MORNING. SO IT'S CERTAINLY A  
22 GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU, CONGRATULATE YOU. YOU HAVE  
23 MANAGED TO PRESENT AND PUT TOGETHER A MARVELOUS TEAM, YOU  
24 SHOULD BE VERY PROUD, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE TEAM  
25 MEMBERS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **MIKE GARRETT:** TO SUPERVISOR BURKE AND TO ALL THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF YOU OUT THERE, THIS IS A GREAT HONOR,  
4 THAT WE ACCEPT THIS SCROLL. IT HAS -- IT'S BEEN A LONG HAUL,  
5 AND I THINK THE UNIVERSITY IS VERY PROUD, THE ATHLETIC  
6 DEPARTMENT IS VERY PROUD, P. CARROLL, THE COACHING STAFF AND  
7 ALL THE PLAYERS ARE JUST ELATED ABOUT THE PAST SEASON, AND  
8 WHAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO IS MANY MORE YEARS LIKE THIS AND FIGHT  
9 ON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D NOW LIKE TO CALL UP AMELIA LANDRETH  
12 AND HI RICH TO COME FORWARD. AND THIS IS A STORY ABOUT HOW THE  
13 PERSEVERANCE OF A CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PAID OFF IN A  
14 GENEROUS DONATION FOR THE SCHOOL'S GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM.  
15 AMELIA LANDRETH IS A 16-YEAR-OLD WHO DECIDED TO GO OUT FOR THE  
16 CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM. SHE'S NOT INTERESTED IN  
17 BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER. SHE'S LOOKING  
18 FORWARD TO GOING TO COLLEGE AND THOUGHT AN EXTRACURRICULAR  
19 ACTIVITY WOULD IMPROVE HER CHANCES OF BEING ADMITTED. WELL  
20 WHEN SHE WENT OUT FOR THE TEAM, OR WHEN SHE WENT OUT FOR THE  
21 TEAM SHE DISCOVERED THAT WHILE THE BOYS TEAM TRADITIONALLY ONE  
22 OF THE STRONGEST IN LOS ANGELES WAS SPONSORED BY NIKE AND WAS  
23 -- JUST GOT ALL KINDS OF NEW SHOES, WARM-UPS AND GEARS, THE  
24 GIRLS VARSITY TEAM HAD NOTHING. SHE WAS SO SHOCKED BY THE  
25 INEQUITY OF IT ALL THAT SHE DECIDED IT WASN'T FAIR AND SET OUT



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1 TO CHANGE IT. SHE BEGAN COLD CALLING BUSINESSES USING THE  
2 PHONE DIRECTORY. SHE SAYS SHE GOT A LOT OF REJECTIONS BUT SHE  
3 WOULD NOT GIVE UP. AFTER ABOUT A MONTH OF BEING TURNED DOWN,  
4 SHE HAPPENED TO PICK UP A SEEMINGLY OUT OF PLACE COMPANY  
5 NEWSLETTER IN THE LOBBY OF HER CHURCH. SHE DECIDED TO CALL THE  
6 COMPANY, ROSCOE'S HOUSE OF CHICKEN AND WAFFLES. THE RESTAURANT  
7 CHAIN ALREADY SPONSORS AN ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN  
8 FREEMONT AND LOCK HIGH SCHOOL AND PROMISES TO PROVIDE DINNER  
9 FOR BOTH TEAMS AS LONG AS THERE ARE NO GANG CONFRONTATIONS  
10 BEFORE, OR DURING, OR AFTER THE TEAM. AMELIA LANDRETH KEPT  
11 CALLING AND THE CHAIN'S MARKETING DIRECTOR, HI RICH SAYS THE  
12 STUDENT'S PERSEVERANCE IMPRESSED HER, AND WHEN RICH FINALLY  
13 TOLD HER THAT AN ADULT HAD TO BE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS SHE  
14 ENLISTED THE MOTHER OF ONE OF THE CRENSHAW GIRLS VARSITY  
15 BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYERS. THE THREE OF THEM WORKED OUT AN  
16 AGREEMENT FOR A ROSCOE SPONSORSHIP OF \$5,000, THE LARGEST THE  
17 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HAS EVER RECEIVED. NOW THE GIRLS VARSITY  
18 TEAM HAS NEW UNIFORMS, MATCHING SHOES AND WARM-UPS AND A  
19 SPORTS BAG, AND AMELIA DIDN'T MAKE THE VARSITY. SHE'S PLAYING  
20 JUNIOR VARSITY, ALL THE J.V.'S GOT A NEW PAIR OF SHOES. BUT  
21 AMELIA'S WORKING ON IT, I UNDERSTAND SHE STARTED OFF WITH A  
22 HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM A MORTGAGE COMPANY. SO WE'RE VERY PLEASED  
23 TO SAY TO HER THAT'S THE KIND OF SPIRIT THAT REALLY MAKES IT -  
24 - AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, AMELIA. [  
25 APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SHE IS REALLY A VARSITY PLAYER, THERE'S  
3 NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HERB  
4 HUDSON, OWNER OF ROSCOE'S HOUSE OF CHICKEN AND WAFFLES IN  
5 APPRECIATION OF HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM.  
6 DO WE HAVE SOME OTHER PEOPLE FROM THERE? YES. PLEASE COME  
7 FORWARD.

8

9 **AMELIA LANDRETH:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M ABSOLUTELY  
10 FLATTERED TO BE HERE. THIS IS INTRIGUING. AND THANK YOU FOR  
11 THE COUNTY, THANK YOU FOR HERB HUDSON, THE OWNER OF ROSCOE'S,  
12 AND I SAY IF YOU'RE PERSISTENT AND YOU'RE MOTIVATED, YOU CAN  
13 GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT. YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE THAT INNER  
14 STRENGTH AND JUST PULL IT OUT OF YOU AND GET THAT MOTIVATION  
15 TO NOT GIVE UP AND BE A QUITTER. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK  
16 YOU TO EVERYONE. I'M CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING MONEY FOR MYSELF. [  
17 LAUGHTER ]

18

19 **AMELIA LANDRETH:** UMM. I'M TRYING TO PLAY ON THE TRAVELING TEAM  
20 THAT GOES OUT OF STATE. AND THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GOOD FOR YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND IS IT JAY RICH, NOT HI, JAY RICH, AND  
25 FOR JAY RICH, MARKETING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS



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1 REPRESENTATIVE ROSCOE HOUSE OF CHICKEN AND WAFFLES. [ APPLAUSE  
2 ]

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4 **JAY RICH:** THANK YOU SO MUCH TO SUPERVISOR BURKE AND TO ALL OF  
5 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. RECEIVING  
6 A THANK YOU FROM THE COUNTY AND FROM ANYONE IS ALWAYS  
7 WONDERFUL, AND TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE  
8 THROUGHOUT THIS CITY TO -- IF WE CAN GRAB ONE CHILD, ONE YOUNG  
9 PERSON LIKE AMELIA, THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH OUT TO  
10 HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS. WE WANTED TO SHOW THE  
11 POSITIVE SIDE OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE ALWAYS GET THE NEGATIVE  
12 SIDE, BUT WE MOVED OUR STORE AND -- WE OPENED OUR STORE IN  
13 SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. WE CAME THERE WITH A PURPOSE OF  
14 MAKING A DIFFERENCE OF HOPING TO REACH OUT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE  
15 AND TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHEN AMELIA CAME TO  
16 ME AND SAID, "HEY, MAN, LOOK, MR. RICH, WE NEED HELP, WE HAD  
17 WORKED WITH FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL, WITH LOCK HIGH SCHOOL AND  
18 SOME OF THE OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS AND WE'VE BEEN -- WE'VE WORKED  
19 WITH THE CRENSHAW CHOIR FOR YEARS AND THIS WAS, BUT THIS YOUNG  
20 LADY WAS SO ENTHUSED, SHE JUST SHE WANTED SOMETHING TO HAPPEN,  
21 AND WE WERE HAPPY TO BE A PART OF IT. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU SO  
22 MUCH SUPERVISOR BURKE, THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE  
23 ]

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1   **DR. ISAAC HAM:** OKAY MY NAME IS DR. ISAAC HAM AND I'M THE  
2   PRINCIPAL AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL AND I DON'T WANT TO STEAL  
3   ANY OF AMELIA'S THUNDER HERE. BUT AGAIN AS WE TRY TO INSPIRE  
4   ALL OF OUR STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS WE TELL THEM "WHAT YOU SAY  
5   I BELIEVE, WHAT I BELIEVE I BECOME," AND ANYTHING YOU WANT TO  
6   BE, YOU CAN BE, YOU JUST HAVE TO PERSEVERE, AND SHE'S A GREAT  
7   EXAMPLE OF THAT AND WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF HER AT CRENSHAW HIGH  
8   SCHOOL, AND I ALSO HAVE MY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MR. NAZIR OVER  
9   AT STUDENT SERVICES, HE'S HERE BECAUSE WE SUPPORT ALL OF OUR  
10   STUDENTS IN ANY ENDEAVOR THAT THEY DO AND THAT'S WHY WE MADE  
11   SURE WE WERE HERE THIS MORNING TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR AMELIA.  
12   YEAH. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14   **DR. ISAAC HAM:** AND WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, I DON'T WANT TO  
15   DISREGARD AMELIA'S MOTHER AND FATHER. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17   **DR. ISAAC HAM:** MR. AND MRS. LANDRETH?

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR  
20   YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS? I THINK THAT CONCLUDES  
21   ALL THE PRESENTATIONS.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, DR. DAVID SANDERS IS HERE, AND  
24   LET'S BRING HIM UP AND GIVE HIM A BIG WELCOME, OUR NEW





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1 DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. [  
2 APPLAUSE ].

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SAW AN ARTICLE THAT SAID HENNEPIN COUNTY  
5 HAS A TREMENDOUS LOSS BUT LOS ANGELES, IT'S OUR GAIN, SO WE'RE  
6 PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE.

7

8 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** SURE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I'D LIKE TO  
9 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR VISION AND LEADERSHIP  
10 RELATED TO SAFETY AND PERMANENCE FOR KIDS AND THANK YOU FOR  
11 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THE SYSTEM. I THINK IT HAS THE  
12 POTENTIAL TO BE THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY, AND TO MEET  
13 EXPECTATIONS AND EXCEED THOSE EXPECTATIONS AND I WILL WORK  
14 VERY HARD TO GET THERE, SO THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO HEARINGS. I'M GOING TO CALL A  
17 VERY, VERY SHORT HEARING, WHICH IS NUMBER 12, AND COULD WE  
18 BRING THAT FORWARD? PARDON ME? ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
19 READ THAT INTO THE RECORD? OKAY.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, NUMBER  
22 12 IS THE COMBINED HEARING ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT ZONE  
23 CHANGE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND PARKING PERMIT, CASE NUMBER  
24 001154 INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 533094 RELATING TO  
25 THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ON PROPERTY LOCATED



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1 AT THE INTERSECTION OF MISSION MILL ROAD AND WORKMAN MILL  
2 ROAD, PECK ROAD, WORKMAN MILL ZONED DISTRICT PETITIONED BY  
3 CATELLUS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND WE DID HAVE WRITTEN  
4 PROTESTS RECEIVED FOR THIS MATTER. AND MADAM CHAIR, ALSO, I'M  
5 GOING TO ASK ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON  
6 ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS, TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE  
7 YOUR RIGHT HAND AND BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

10

11 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ELLEN FITZGERALD,  
12 THE PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS A REQUEST TO  
14 AUTHORIZE A 1.6 MILLION-FOOT -- SQUARE FOOT INDUSTRIAL  
15 DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF WAREHOUSING AND  
16 DISTRIBUTION USES. THE 70-ACRE SITE WOULD BE DEVELOPED WITH 5  
17 LARGE STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AND LANDSCAPING. THE  
18 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING ON  
19 NOVEMBER 6TH, 2002. THE COMMISSION HEARD TESTIMONY FROM  
20 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF RIO HONDO COLLEGE, A  
21 NEARBY BUSINESS OWNER AND MEMBERS OF THE CARPENTER'S PENSION  
22 TRUST. OPPOSITION TESTIMONY WAS FOCUSED ON THE PROJECT'S  
23 TRAFFIC IMPACTS, AIR QUALITY CONCERNS, THE PROJECT'S  
24 COMPATIBILITY WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND THE LOSS OF  
25 OPEN SPACE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES



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1 RAISED DURING TESTIMONY AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THE  
2 APPLICANT COOPERATE WITH RIO HONDO COLLEGE. ON FEBRUARY 12TH,  
3 2003, THE PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF  
4 THIS PROJECT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE PROJECT AND ITS  
5 ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY.  
6 THE E.I.R. DID IDENTIFY REGIONAL AIR QUALITY IMPACTS WHICH  
7 CANNOT BE MITIGATED AND THEREFORE A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
8 CONSIDERATION IS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL E.I.R. THAT CONCLUDES  
9 STAFF PRESENTATION.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
12 NAME?

13

14 **MIKE DEL SANTO:** MY NAME IS MIKE DEL SANTO, I'M WITH CATELLUS  
15 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE'S NO  
18 OPPOSITION, THAT EVERYONE -- THAT EVERYONE WHO HAS ASKED TO  
19 SPEAK IS IN FAVOR?

20

21 **MIKE DEL SANTO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **BRIAN LEROY:** WE BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO GIVE, STATE YOUR NAME?



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2 **BRIAN LEROY:** YES, BRIAN LEROY WITH MINNAT PHILLIPS AND  
3 PHILLIPS, I'M THE PROJECT ATTORNEY.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO ALSO ASK TO STAND,  
6 AND IF YOU HAVE -- IF YOU'RE IN FAVOR -- WE TOOK YOU OUT OF  
7 ORDER SO THAT YOU COULD COME UP FAST BECAUSE I UNDERSTOOD  
8 THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION AND EVERYONE WAS JUST WILLING TO JUST  
9 BE RECOGNIZED, AND THAT'S MAYOR DAVID PEREZ, MAYOR PEREZ, DR.  
10 ROSE MARIE JOYCE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE'S PRESIDENT OF RIO HONDO.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. RON  
15 AZAD, AND MICHAEL DEL SANTO, AND YOU'RE ALL IN SUPPORT. IS  
16 THAT CORRECT? ALL RIGHT, WE WANT TO THANK YOU, AT THIS POINT  
17 WE'LL HAVE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE HEARING. DOES THE COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE, DO YOU -- DO YOU NEED TO MAKE A  
21 STATEMENT OR OTHERWISE I'LL MOVE TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

22

23 **MIKE DEL SANTO:** NO. THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT  
2   THE HEARING BE CLOSED. IS THERE A SECOND? SECONDED BY  
3   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE HEARING IS  
4   CLOSED. AND NOW THIS -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION,  
5   SUPERVISOR KNABE?

6

7   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, YES. I'D MOVE THAT WE -- AS WE CLOSE THE  
8   PUBLIC HEARING, CERTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPT  
9   THE ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS AND STATE OF OVERRIDING  
10   CONSIDERATIONS, ADOPT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE  
11   00-15 AND PARKING PERMIT 00-115-4, INVEST THE TENTATIVE TRACT  
12   MAP 53309.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
15   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED, OKAY ITEM 12 IS APPROVED.

16

17   **MIKE DEL SANTO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM AT 10:30.  
20   I DON'T -- DID YOU WANT TO CALL THAT ITEM UP NOW?

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HERE? WOULD THE  
25   SHERIFF PLEASE COME FORWARD ON THE SPECIAL ITEM? IT'S FOR



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1 10:30. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD? OR WE CAN  
2 COME BACK TO YOU, IF YOU'D LIKE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S COMING NOW.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE COMING? OKAY. NOW. I DON'T KNOW. ALL  
7 RIGHT. YES. WOULD YOU PLEASE BE SEATED AND STATE YOUR NAME?  
8 AND THEN WE'LL TAKE THE SPECIAL ITEM FROM THE HEALTH  
9 DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THIS AND THEN WE'LL GO STRAIGHT THROUGH  
10 THE HEARING ITEMS. YES?

11

12 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** MY NAME'S DOYLE CAMPBELL FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **MIKE GROSSMAN:** MIKE GROSSMAN, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU ASKED FOR A  
18 UPDATE ON THEIR STATE OF PREPAREDNESS. I KNOW THAT THEY'VE  
19 MADE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS AND PRESS CONFERENCES. PERHAPS YOU  
20 COULD ASK THE QUESTION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE. HAVE YOU PRIORITIZED YOUR LIST OF  
23 PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT THAT WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE \$2  
24 BILLION WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

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1 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** YES, SIR, WE HAVE, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE  
2 C.A.O.'S OFFICE IN SUBMITTING THAT LIST TO THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A SPECIALLY --  
5 SPECIALIZED, PREPARED, TRAINED, AND EQUIPPED UNIT TO DEAL WITH  
6 TERRORIST ATTACKS?

7

8 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** YES, SIR, WE DO.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU -- OKAY.

11

12 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE POINT OF  
13 ATTACK IS THE CRITICAL -- THE CRITICAL LOCATION IN THAT AND WE  
14 HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES AND ADEQUATE PERSONNEL TO RESPOND TO  
15 THAT, TO MULTIPLE INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE COUNTY'S LEVEL OF  
18 PREPAREDNESS?

19

20 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** I THINK WE'RE VERY PREPARED, SUPERVISOR. OUR  
21 RESPONSE TO ANY EMERGENCY, SHOULD ONE OCCUR, WOULD BE SWIFT  
22 AND WOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE AND WE'RE CAPABLE OF  
23 RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES  
24 COUNTY. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CALL ON THE RESOURCES FROM ALL OF  
25 THE PUBLIC SAFETY SECTOR IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY INCLUDING THE



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1 FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THROUGH MUTUAL  
2 AIDE ANY OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT  
3 HAVE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- HAS ALL OF THE FUNDING REQUESTS IN THE  
6 FIRST FEDERAL APPROPRIATION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY BEEN  
7 SUBMITTED?

8

9 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** THEY HAVE. WE HAVE A GRANTS UNIT THAT IS  
10 CURRENTLY WORKING AND KEEPING TRACK OF ALL OF THE GRANTS THAT  
11 ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT IT'S ALSO I  
12 THINK IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING  
13 AT THIS POINT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE ORIGINALLY,  
14 PRESIDENT BUSH SUBMITTED A 38-BILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET FOR  
15 HOMELAND SECURITY, OF WHICH 10% OR LESS THAN 10%, 3.5 BILLION  
16 WAS SLATED FOR FIRST RESPONDERS. THAT HAS BEEN WHITTLED DOWN  
17 AND WHITTLED DOWN AND ACTUALLY, TO DATE, 19 MONTHS AFTER THE  
18 SEPTEMBER THE 11TH INCIDENT, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANYTHING  
19 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I PARTICIPATED IN A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE  
22 CALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THEY ARE RELEASING AN ADDITIONAL  
23 \$1 BILLION IN GRANT FUNDING TO STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
24 FOR PREPAREDNESS ON TOP OF THE MONEY THAT CONGRESS HAS JUST  
25 RECENTLY APPROPRIATED WHEN THEY PASSED THE BUDGET ABOUT A



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1 MONTH AGO, AND I HAD A MOTION THAT WE WOULD DIRECT THE OFFICE  
2 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THE SHERIFF, FIRE DEPARTMENT, HEALTH  
3 DEPARTMENT, THE CORONER AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO  
4 REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS REGARDING THE TIME LINES FOR  
5 SUBMITTING THESE REQUESTS ON THIS NEW MONEY, SO THAT'S NOT  
6 GOING TO IMPACT OUR REQUEST ON THE ORIGINAL FUNDING, BUT I'D  
7 MAKE THAT --

8

9 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** CORRECT. WE'RE VERY CAPABLE OF DOING THAT. WE  
10 ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WHO IS  
11 COORDINATING, MOST OF THE FEDERAL GRANTS WILL GO THROUGH THE  
12 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THROUGH GEORGE VINCENT AND THE NEW  
13 GOVERNOR'S APPOINTED SECRETARY OF HOMELAND DEFENSE AND WE ARE  
14 ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE SECRETARY RIDGE'S OFFICE AND THE  
15 OFFICE OF DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL RIGHT, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR OTHER  
18 88 CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

19

20 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** ABSOLUTELY. WE THINK THAT THE COMMUNICATION  
21 AND COORDINATION IS, OF COURSE, THE KEY TO ANY INCIDENT LIKE  
22 THIS, AND PART OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN ESTABLISHING OUR  
23 TERRORISM EARLY WARNING GROUP IS TO EXPAND THAT AND WE NOW  
24 HAVE WHAT WE CALL A TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM AND WE  
25 HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AT EVERY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, EVERY



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1 INDEPENDENT AGENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT'S INVOLVED IN  
2 PUBLIC SAFETY AND WE WILL FURTHER DEVELOP THAT, BUT WE HAVE  
3 ESTABLISHED TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICERS THERE TO NOT ONLY SEND  
4 INFORMATION TO THE T.E.W. THAT IS PERTINENT SO THAT IT CAN BE  
5 ANALYZED AND SHARED WITH OTHERS, BUT ALSO FOR US TO BE ABLE TO  
6 COMMUNICATE BACK TO THEM WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION THAT MAY  
7 AFFECT THEIR CITY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AS WAS STATED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE  
10 LAST WEEK WITH ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT WERE IN ATTENDANCE,  
11 THE FOUR OF US AND THE SHERIFF AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO CREDIBLE  
12 THREATS.

13

14 **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** NO, THERE HAVE NOT, NOT AS OF YET,  
15 FORTUNATELY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I'D JUST, THE MOTION TO -- FOR THE  
18 ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WILL BE COMING DOWN, WE COULD PASS  
19 THAT MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. HAVE YOU PASSED THAT AROUND?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH.

24



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE MOVING THE ADOPTION OF  
2    THE MOTION --

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO APPLY FOR THE NEW GRANT --

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO APPLY FOR NEW FUNDING?

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEW FUNDING.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
11   YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU VERY  
12   MUCH.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD JOB.

15

16   **DOYLE CAMPBELL:** THANK YOU.

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19

20   **>>SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID WE HAVE TO DO, MR. PELLMAN, DID WE  
21   HAVE TO DO AN EMERGENCY REQUEST ON THIS?

22

23   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** NO I THINK THIS IS RELATED TO THE SET ITEM,  
24   SUPERVISOR BURKE, THAT WE'D INVITE MOTIONS BY THE SUPERVISORS.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU, THE NEXT ITEM, S-2, WE'D  
2   LIKE TO GET A REPORT ON THE HEIGHTENED SURVEILLANCE RELATING  
3   TO SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME. I DON'T KNOW, THERE WAS  
4   AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER THAT THERE WAS SUPPOSEDLY A CASE IN  
5   LOS ANGELES, SO I'D LIKE TO ASK THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6   PUBLIC HEALTH. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME DR.

7

8   **JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M JONATHAN  
9   FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH OFFICER, I'M IN  
10  THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. FROM TIME TO TIME, WE HAVE  
11  NEW EMERGING INFECTIONS. S.A.R.S. IS ONE OF THOSE SITUATIONS.  
12  IT'S A RESPIRATORY ILLNESS WHOSE CAUSE IS NOT DEFINITELY  
13  ESTABLISHED, ALTHOUGH BREAKING NEWS SUGGESTS THAT IT IS A  
14  CORONA VIRUS OR A VIRUS THAT'S -- THAT A FAMILY OF VIRUSES ARE  
15  RESPONSIBLE FOR BETWEEN A THIRD AND A HALF OF ALL COLDS, BUT  
16  THIS IS A NEW ONE IN THAT FAMILY, APPARENTLY. IT WAS OF  
17  CONCERN TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION BECAUSE IT QUICKLY  
18  PROGRESSED TO PNEUMONIA IN MANY PATIENTS AND ALSO BECAUSE IT  
19  APPEARED IN A LOT OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHO  
20  WERE CARING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD COME DOWN WITH THESE SYMPTOMS.  
21  THE CASE DEFINITION IS SOMEBODY WHO HAS HISTORY OF TRAVEL TO  
22  HONG KONG, QUON DUN PROVINCE, HANOI VIETNAM OR SINGAPORE AND  
23  HAD SYMPTOMS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF BEING THERE AND HAS A FEVER OF  
24  100.4 OR MORE AND HAS SOME EVIDENCE OF RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS,  
25  OR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO





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1 MEET THAT DESCRIPTION. BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1ST AND MARCH 24TH,  
2 THERE WERE 456 SUSPECTED AND PROBABLE CASES WORLDWIDE AND  
3 THERE WERE 17 DEATHS. SO THE DEATH RATE IS SOMEWHERE IN THE  
4 ORDER OF TWO TO 4% BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW. DURING THE SAME  
5 PERIOD, 37 CASES WERE REPORTED IN THE UNITED STATES WITH NO  
6 DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THESE. WHAT WE DID WAS WHEN THE  
7 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ALERT CAME OUT ON SATURDAY, MARCH  
8 15TH, WE MOBILIZED A GROUP WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE  
9 FIRST THING WE DID WAS TO WORK WITH L.A.X. AND THE PORT  
10 QUARANTINE AUTHORITIES TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD AWARENESS AND  
11 THEY WERE HANDING OUT INFORMATION TO PEOPLE COMING IN AND  
12 MEETING PLANES, WORKING CLOSELY WITH C.D.C. WE ALSO PUT OUT  
13 THROUGH OUR READY NET SYSTEM, WHICH IS PART OF OUR EMERGENCY  
14 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM, AN ALERT TO HOSPITALS AND TO  
15 PHYSICIAN IN HOSPITALS WORKING IN EMERGENCY ROOMS TO NOTIFY US  
16 IF THEY HAD ANY PATIENT WHO MET THE -- THOSE -- THE CASE  
17 DEFINITION. WE ALSO PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC AND  
18 WE SENT AN E-MAIL TO COMMUNITY DOCTORS ON OUR ALERT LIST. ONE  
19 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN THIS SITUATION IS TO REASSURE  
20 THE PUBLIC, TO LET THEM KNOW WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VERY FEW  
21 PEOPLE WHO HAD THAT HISTORY OF TRAVEL AND HAD THE COMBINATION  
22 OF FEVER AND RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS AND TO ASSURE PEOPLE THAT  
23 THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HEIGHTENED ALERT, PARTICULARLY AT A  
24 TIME WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS. WE HAVE  
25 A SLIGHTLY HIGHER FLU SEASON NOW IN THIS TIME OF MARCH THAN WE



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1 HAD LAST YEAR, EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL RELATIVELY LIGHT. IT'S A  
2 VERY COMMON TIME FOR PEOPLE TO GET RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES, SO  
3 NOT TO BE CONCERNED, NOT TO DO ANYTHING UNUSUAL UNLESS YOU HAD  
4 THAT HISTORY OF TRAVEL OR CONTACT WITH SOMEBODY THAT DID. IT  
5 ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT, BASED ON OUR INFORMATION,  
6 AS COMMUNICABLE AS THE COMMON COLD OR THE FLU DESPITE IT NOW  
7 APPEARS TO BE A VIRUS FROM THAT -- FROM A FAMILY THAT CAUSES  
8 COLDS. SO WE ISSUED TWO PRESS RELEASES, WE TALKED EXTENSIVELY  
9 TO THE PRESS PRIMARILY TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC. WE PUT  
10 INFORMATION ON -- TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAN THE HEALTH INFORMATION  
11 HOTLINE, WE PUT THINGS ON OUR WEB SITE. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
12 THE ALERT SYSTEM TO HOSPITALS WAS DEMONSTRATED WHEN THE SAME  
13 DAY WE PUT THE ALERT OUT, THIS WAS THE FIRST DAY THERE WAS THE  
14 ALERT, WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM A HOSPITAL, THEY HAD SOMEBODY  
15 WHO MET, WHO THEY THOUGHT MET THAT CASE DEFINITION. WE THEN  
16 WENT TO THAT INSTITUTION, THAT INDIVIDUAL WAS HOSPITALIZED, IN  
17 FACT CHANGED HOSPITALS, WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE HOSPITALS, GOT  
18 SPECIMENS FROM THAT INDIVIDUAL TO THE C.D.C. AND WORKED  
19 CLOSELY WITH THE HOSPITAL. ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD CONTACT OF THAT  
20 INDIVIDUAL ALSO DEVELOPED THESE SYMPTOMS AND WAS HOSPITALIZED  
21 ON A PRECAUTIONARY BASIS OVERNIGHT. BOTH HAVE RECOVERED WELL  
22 NOW AND SO IT IS NOT -- WAS NOT VERY SERIOUS, AND THEN NEITHER  
23 OF THEM REQUIRED ANY UNUSUAL MEASURES. THE PHYSICIANS IN OUR  
24 ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM CONTINUE TO RECEIVE  
25 AND FOLLOW UP ON CALLS 24-7 ABOUT THESE -- ABOUT ANY CASES OF



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1 S.A.R.S. WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE C.D.C. AND THE STATE.  
2 SO THAT'S ALL WE HAVE AT THIS TIME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'VE HAD NO OTHER CASES?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO, THOSE -- THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO  
7 THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US AND WE'VE VERIFIED, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAD THEY BEEN IN ASIA?

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ONE INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN IN ASIA, IN  
12 FACT, HAD BEEN IN ALL THREE OF THE MAJOR PLACES, HAD BEEN IN  
13 THE QUON DUN PROVINCE IN HONG KONG AND IN VIETNAM, AND THE  
14 OTHER WAS A HOUSEHOLD CONTACT OF THAT INDIVIDUAL.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT,  
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR KEEPING US UPDATED, AND I ASSUME  
18 YOU'LL LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE OTHER CASES THAT YOU IDENTIFY.

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW  
23 PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK TO  
24 THOSE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD ON OUR REGULAR AGENDA. YES?

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO START ON PAGE 4,  
2 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 1-H, HEARING  
3 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED 2003/2004 ANNUAL PLAN OF THE HOUSING  
4 AUTHORITY WHICH UPDATES THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROGRAMS,  
5 GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR  
6 THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO  
9 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM: MICHELLE LEE, MARTHA RAMIREZ, AND SANDRA  
10 GARCIA. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? WHILE THEY'RE COMING  
11 FORWARD, I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I'M INTRODUCING, THAT  
12 I'VE PASSED OUT, AND THREE ADDITIONS -- ARE THOSE PEOPLE  
13 COMING FORWARD? MICHELLE LEE, MARTHA RAMIREZ, AND SANDRA  
14 GARCIA? ARE YOU HERE? APPARENTLY THEY'RE NOT -- NO LONGER  
15 HERE. ALL RIGHT. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I'VE PASSED OUT THAT IN  
16 THE CASE OF AN UNFORESEEN EVENT THAT HAS IMPACTED A BUILDING  
17 OCCUPIED BY A LOW-INCOME FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE  
18 COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE THE USE OF  
19 PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY CAN COMMIT UP TO  
20 30% OF ITS SECTION 8 TENANT-BASED PROGRAM FUNDING TO PROJECT  
21 BASED ASSISTANCE. AND SECOND TO DEVELOP A MORE AFFORDABLE  
22 HOUSING WITHIN THE COUNTY THE ANNUAL PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE  
23 INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY, THE  
24 PROPERTY AT 1542 EAST 85TH STREET IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES. THE TITLE OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A



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1 QUALIFIED DEVELOPER TO CONSTRUCT SINGLE-FAMILY, DETACHED HOMES  
2 ON THE VACANT SITE. THE HOMES WILL THEN BE SOLD TO FAMILIES  
3 EARNING NO MORE THAN 80% OF THE COUNTY'S MEDIAN INCOME. THIRD,  
4 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1950.5 F OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL  
5 CODE, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SHALL NOTIFY ALL PUBLIC HOUSING  
6 RESIDENTS TERMINATING THEIR TENANCY OF THEIR OPTION TO REQUEST  
7 A MOVE-OUT INSPECTION PRIOR TO VACATING HOUSING AUTHORITY  
8 PREMISES. AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE  
9 ANNUAL PLAN AND ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO H.U.D. BY APRIL  
10 17TH. AND WE HAVE A MOTION THAT CARRIES OUT THOSE ISSUES.  
11 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. I WAS JUST GOING TO MOVE WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
14 HEARING.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEN MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE -- ALL  
17 RIGHT. THERE'S A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. HOWEVER,  
18 ONE PERSON DID NOT HEAR ME WHEN I CALLED THEIR NAME. I'LL CALL  
19 THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ASKED TO SPEAK: MICHELLE LEE,  
20 SANDRA GARCIA, MARTHA RAMIREZ. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?  
21 ARE THE -- COME FORWARD, PLEASE AND HAVE A SEAT UP HERE IN  
22 FRONT OF THE MICROPHONE AND STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

23

24 **MICHELLE LEE:** GOOD MORNING, ALL SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
25 MICHELLE LEE AND I'M FROM SOUTH SKERRA SITES AREA AND I ALSO



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1 WORKED ON THE PLAN. I'M HERE BECAUSE SOUTH SKERRA SITES IS IN  
2 DIRE NEED OF THESE FUNDINGS, AND I'M SO HERE TO SUPPORT THE  
3 PLAN, ESPECIALLY FOR SOUTH SKERRA SITES. THEIR PLUMBING, THE  
4 HOUSING, THE FIXING OF ALL THE SITES AND SECTION 8 IS ALSO IN  
5 NEED OF THIS PLAN. SO I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE PLAN AND FOR THE  
6 THINGS THAT SOUTH SKERRA SITES DIRELY NEED AS WELL AS THE  
7 SENIOR CITIZENS FOR SOUTH SKERRA SITES AREA.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING. I'LL SECOND  
11 THAT AND WITH MY AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR KNABE, ARE YOU MOVING?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE THE MOTION WITH YOUR AMENDMENT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
16 SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT, THE NEXT ITEM.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ON PAGE 5, NUMBER ONE, HEARING TO  
19 LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS IN PALMDALE ZONE DISTRICT, ZONE A  
20 OF COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR STREET LIGHTING  
21 PURPOSES, AND WE HAVE TWO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THE PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE FILED A  
24 PROTEST OR?

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1 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE IS A BRIEF  
2 PRESENTATION BY STAFF, WHO IS APPROACHING THE DESK.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES. WOULD STAFF PLEASE MAKE  
5 THEIR STATEMENT?

6

7 **BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS BALMAN  
8 HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDING FOR THE  
10 LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL AND STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT  
11 WITHIN PALMDALE ZONE A OF COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 FOR  
12 FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004. THE PROPOSED BASE RATE CONSISTS OF THE  
13 EXISTING RATE OF \$50 PER SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE PLUS AN  
14 INCREASE OF \$20 PER SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE FOR A TOTAL OF  
15 \$70. THE PROPOSED \$20 INCREASE IS NECESSARY DUE TO INCREASES  
16 IN ENERGY COSTS AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES, AND DECREASES IN  
17 THE FINANCIAL RESERVES OF THE ZONE. IN MY OPINION, ALL THE  
18 TERRITORY WITHIN THE PALMDALE ZONE A OF LLA-1 WILL CONTINUE TO  
19 BE BENEFITED BY THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE ASSESSMENT  
20 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO THE  
21 INVOLVED PROPERTIES. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS NO MAJORITY  
22 PROTEST TO THE \$20 INCREASE IN THE BASE RATE, WE ARE  
23 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE INCREASE ASSESSMENT  
24 RATE, IN THE EVENT OF A MAJORITY PROTESTED TO THE INCREASE WE  
25 RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE \$50 BASE RATE AND DIRECT



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1 THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK ON A PLAN FOR OPERATING THE  
2 STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN THE LIMITED FUNDING AVAILABLE.

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE  
5 APPROPRIATE TO RECEIVE ANY TESTIMONY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS -- WISHES TO APPEAR  
8 AT THIS TIME ON ITEM 1?

9

10 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THEN MADAM CHAIR IT WOULD BE  
11 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER  
12 FOR ONE WEEK SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE CAN TABULATE THE  
13 BALLOTS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SO MOVED.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED THAT ITEM ONE,  
18 THE HEARING WILL BE CLOSED AND IT WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE  
19 WEEK TO TABULATE THE BALLOTS AND FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO  
20 REPORT BACK. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 2?

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO ANNEX SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES  
23 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616B AND COUNTY  
24 LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PALMDALE ZONE B, AND TO LEVY AND



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1 COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN ANNEXED SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES FOR  
2 STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES AND --

3

4 **BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M  
5 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M  
6 FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE 23  
7 IDENTIFIED SUBDIVISION PROJECT AREAS IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE  
8 TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616B AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
9 DISTRICT LLA-1. PALMDALE ZONE B AND FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTION  
10 OF ASSESSMENT WITHIN THESE AREAS. THE BASE ASSESSMENT WILL BE  
11 \$70 PER SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE. ALL THE SUBDIVISION AREAS LIE  
12 WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMDALE AND THE CONSENT AND JURISDICTION  
13 OF THE CITY HAS BEEN OBTAINED. IN MY OPINION, THE IDENTIFIED  
14 AREAS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND SERVICE TO BE  
15 PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN  
16 PROPORTION TO BENEFITS. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO  
17 MAJORITY PROTESTS IN THE SUBDIVISION AREAS, WE ARE  
18 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX  
19 AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
22 TO TAKE ANY TESTIMONY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY  
25 ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES THAT THE



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1 HEARING BE CLOSED AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT  
2 OBJECTION, THEN THAT ITEM IS APPROVED.

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS ONE LIKEWISE SHOULD  
5 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK FOR TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.  
8 RATHER THAN IT BE APPROVED, IT WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK  
9 FOR TABULATION AND REPORT BACK. ITEM 4.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, NUMBER 4, HEARING ON PROPOSED FEE  
12 INCREASE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM.  
13 AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO WRITTEN PROTESTS. YES THE STAFF REPORT?

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17 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THERE IS NO STAFF REPORT. THIS IS JUST  
18 FOR YOUR BOARD TO HEAR ANY TESTIMONY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY ON  
21 THIS ITEM? AND THIS ITEM, I ASSUME WE CAN APPROVE RIGHT?

22

23 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** YES, SIR.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH THAT  
2   ITEM 4 BE APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 6, HEARING ON PROPOSED ONE-  
5   TIME SPECIAL EXHIBITION FEE FOR THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL  
6   HISTORY'S BUTTERFLY PAVILLION EXHIBITION. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
7   PROTESTS.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO WRITTEN PROTESTS AND THERE'S NO  
10   STATEMENT BY THE STAFF ON THIS. IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
11   SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 7, HEARING ON THE WEED ABATEMENTS  
14   -- HEARING ON WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE'S REPORT. WE HAVE NO  
15   WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY  
18   ON THIS ITEM? HEARING NONE, IT'S BEEN MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED  
19   BY ANTONOVICH THAT THIS ITEM BE APPROVED, WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
20   SO ORDERED.

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22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 8, HEARING ON THE BRUSH  
23   CLEARANCE REFEREE'S REPORT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY  
2    ON THIS ITEM?

3

4    **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

5

6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HEARING NONE, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE THAT THE  
7    HEARING BE CLOSED AND THE ITEM BE APPROVED. SECONDED BY  
8    ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 10, HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
11   TO ESTABLISH GEOTECHNICAL REPORT REVIEW FEES AND INCREASE  
12   SUBDIVISION MAP PROCESSING FEES, PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM PLAN  
13   CHECK FEES, AND SEWER PLAN CHECK FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR  
14   ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. WE HAVE  
15   NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE HERE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY ON THIS  
18   ITEM? HEARING NONE, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH AND SECONDED BY  
19   KNABE THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE ITEM BE  
20   APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 11, HEARING ON GENERAL-PLAN  
23   AND SUB-PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE  
24   PERMIT, CASE NUMBERS 94-087-(5) AND ON CERTIFICATION OF FINAL  
25   ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RELATING TO THE PROJECT KNOWN AS





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1 NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN AND WATER RECLAMATION PLANT. AND  
2 MADAM CHAIR, WE DO HAVE WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LEE STARK FROM THE DEPARTMENT,  
5 REGIONAL PLANNING, WILL GIVE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION, FOLLOWED BY  
6 THAT, WE WILL ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO ADVISE THE BOARD  
7 REGARDING THE NEED TO HEAR TESTIMONY ON THE SIX COURT-ORDERED  
8 ISSUES PLUS THE NEW SPINE FLOWER ISSUE, AND THE MANNER IN  
9 WHICH THESE SEVEN ISSUES SHOULD AFFECT THE BOARD'S DECISION  
10 REGARDING REAPPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. SO AT THIS TIME, CAN WE  
11 FIRST HERE FROM MR. STARK FROM REGIONAL PLANNING AND THEN I'D  
12 LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

13

14 **LEE STARK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IN MARCH OF 1999, YOUR  
15 BOARD APPROVED THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN AND WATER  
16 RECLAMATION PLANT APPLICATION, FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF THE  
17 PROJECT C.I.R. NEWHALL RANCH IS A MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY OF  
18 FIVE RELATED VILLAGES COVERING 19 SQUARE MILES IN THE SANTA  
19 CLARITA VALLEY WITH A BROAD MIX OF HOMES, EMPLOYMENT,  
20 SHOPPING, COMMERCIAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICES, CULTURAL FACILITIES  
21 AND RECREATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO BE BUILT OUT OVER 25 TO 30  
22 YEARS. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE LAND WOULD BE LEFT IN NATURAL  
23 OPEN SPACE, EITHER IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER CORRIDOR OR IN THE  
24 HIGH COUNTRY. THE MAP OF THE LAND USE PLAN IS ON THE PANEL  
25 BEHIND YOU. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT,



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1 WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ONE-THIRD OF THE PROJECT'S WATER  
2 NEEDS, APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC PLAN DID NOT INCLUDE ANY  
3 CONSTRUCTION ENTITLEMENTS. EACH PHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT WILL  
4 BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS INCLUDING THE  
5 APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS TO -- FOR COUNTY APPROVAL  
6 BEFORE CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN. FOLLOWING THE BOARD'S ACTION,  
7 LITIGATION RESULTED IN ACTION BY THE CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT  
8 TO ORDER THE COUNTY TO SET ASIDE THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT  
9 APPROVALS, CONDUCT ADDITIONAL ANALYSES TO ADDRESS SIX SPECIFIC  
10 ENVIRONMENTAL AND GENERAL PLAN ISSUES, AND HOLD NOTICED PUBLIC  
11 HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THIS NEW MATERIAL. IN PREPARING THE  
12 ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS REQUESTED BY THE COURT ALONG WITH NEW  
13 RELEVANT MATERIAL, COUNTY STAFF WORKED CLOSELY WITH CONSULTANT  
14 STAFFS AND DIRECTED THE PREPARATION OF THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE  
15 YOU TODAY. DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL  
16 OF THE CONSULTANTS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SURVEYS AND  
17 OTHER TECHNICAL WORK ON THIS PROJECT OVER THE YEARS, ATTESTING  
18 TO THE FACT THAT ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED ON NEWHALL RANCH  
19 HAS BEEN FULLY DISCLOSED AND EITHER INCLUDED OR REFERENCED IN  
20 THE PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THESE A PART OF THE  
21 PUBLIC RECORD TODAY. DR. DARYL COOTNIK IS WITH ME TODAY. HE IS  
22 A BIOLOGIST AND HEAD OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S  
23 IMPACT ANALYSIS SECTION AND HAS FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF FIELD  
24 SURVEYS, HAVING BEEN ON THE SITE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. OTHER  
25 COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY COUNTY COUNSEL AND PUBLIC



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1 WORKS REPRESENTATIVES, HAVE ALSO HELPED OVERSEE THE  
2 PREPARATION OF THE MATERIAL. COUNTY COUNSEL WILL ELABORATE ON  
3 THE ASPECTS OF THE COURT ORDER AND ON THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S  
4 HEARING.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **LEE STARK:** DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.

9

10 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS MR. STARK  
11 INDICATED, YOUR BOARD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THIS PROJECT IN 1999  
12 AND GAVE ALL THE DISCRETIONARY APPROVALS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS  
13 SPECIFIC PLAN AT THIS PROGRAM PHASE. THE COURT CONSIDERED FOUR  
14 LAWSUITS. THE MATTER WAS HEARD IN KEARN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
15 HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED THERE AS A NEUTRAL COUNTY. AND THE  
16 COURT RULED IN AUGUST OF 2000 AND ESSENTIALLY DETERMINED THAT  
17 THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND THE  
18 ENTITLEMENTS HAD BEEN DONE IN A PROPER MANNER. HOWEVER, FOUND  
19 AGAINST THE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO SIX DISCRETE ISSUES. THOSE  
20 ISSUES ARE ON A CHART ON THE BOARD BEHIND YOU, IF YOU CARE TO  
21 REFER TO THEM, BUT SPECIFICALLY THE COURT FOUND THAT THE  
22 COUNTY HAD TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE ADEQUACY OF TRAFFIC ANALYSIS  
23 ON CERTAIN ARTERIAL ROADWAYS IN VENTURA COUNTY ONLY. THE  
24 COUNTY HAD TO REVIEW THE ADEQUACY OF THE ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS  
25 ON WILDLIFE IN VENTURA COUNTY PORTION OF THE SALT CREEK



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1 WILDLIFE CORRIDOR, THE COUNTY HAD TO CONDUCT AN ADDITIONAL  
2 ANALYSIS OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER  
3 CORRIDOR DUE TO THE PROPOSED CHANNELIZATION AND BANK HARDENING  
4 THAT IS PROPOSED IN THE PROJECT. THE COUNTY HAD TO HAVE A  
5 BETTER, MORE ADEQUATE DEMONSTRATION OF FULL WATER RESOURCES  
6 FOR BUILD-OUT OF THE SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT, AND THE COUNTY HAD  
7 TO ADDRESS THE ALTERNATIVE OF SITING THE WATER RECLAMATION  
8 PLANT THAT IS PART OF THE PROJECT OFF RIVER. THOSE WERE THE  
9 SEQUA ISSUES THAT THE COURT DETERMINED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED  
10 TO CONDUCT MORE ANALYSIS ON. WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL PLAN  
11 ISSUES, THE COURT MERELY DETERMINED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED TO  
12 BETTER DOCUMENT AND DEMONSTRATE CONSISTENCY OF THE PROJECT  
13 WITH THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE PROTECTION  
14 OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA 23 AND  
15 ALSO NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE CONSISTENCY OF THE WATER SUPPLY  
16 SCENARIO WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTY'S DEVELOPMENT MONITORING  
17 SYSTEM. THE COURT SPECIFICALLY DECLINED TO SET ASIDE THE  
18 OVERALL APPROVALS OF THE PROJECT AND SPECIFICALLY DECLINED TO  
19 SET ASIDE THE E.I.R. IN TOTAL, FINDING THAT MOST OF IT PASSED  
20 MUSTER. AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION, THE MATTER -- YOUR BOARD  
21 REFERRED THIS MATTER TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,  
22 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION ADDRESSING THE SIX  
23 ISSUES WAS PREPARED, THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED  
24 EXTENSIVE HEARINGS, AND IN OCTOBER OF 19-- I'M SORRY, OF 2001,  
25 RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD REAPPROVE THE PROJECT AND



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1 SUGGESTED SOME MITIGATION MEASURES AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.  
2 SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, AND PRIOR TO YOUR BOARD'S HEARING, TWO  
3 ADDITIONAL THINGS OCCURRED. FIRST OF ALL, WITH RESPECT TO THE  
4 WATER ANALYSIS THAT THE APPLICANT AND THE COUNTY HAD WORKED  
5 ON, A PORTION OF THE WATER THAT HAD BEEN RELIED UPON WAS  
6 TEMPORARILY AT LEAST CALLED INTO QUESTION BY AN INDEPENDENT  
7 COURT RULING NOT INVOLVING THE COUNTY. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT  
8 THERE WAS AN ADEQUATE SOURCE OF WATER AND NOT TO RELY ON WATER  
9 THAT HAD AT LEAST TEMPORARILY BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION, THE  
10 APPLICANT WENT BACK AND PROVIDED A ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF WATER  
11 SO THAT IT WAS NO LONGER RELYING ON THAT SOURCE OF WATER THAT  
12 HAD BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION. ADDITIONALLY, DURING THIS  
13 HIATUS PERIOD, INFORMATION CAME TO LIGHT REGARDING THE  
14 PRESENCE OF ADDITIONAL POPULATIONS OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
15 SPINE FLOWER ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, AND I SAY "ADDITIONAL"  
16 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT EVEN BEFORE THE  
17 PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PRIOR ADDITIONAL SEQUA ANALYSIS,  
18 THE PRESENCE OF SPINE FLOWER HAD BEEN DOCUMENTED AT LEAST AT  
19 ONE LOCATION ON THE SITE. BUT THE EXISTENCE OF ADDITIONAL  
20 SPINE FLOWER POPULATIONS AND THE NEW WATER SCENARIO PROMPTED  
21 THE COUNTY TO DETERMINE THAT ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION OF THOSE  
22 TWO ISSUES HAD TO BE PROVIDED, AND THAT WAS DONE IN NOVEMBER  
23 OF THIS PAST YEAR. A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WAS HELD OPEN FOR  
24 70 DAYS AND THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE YOUR BOARD. IT WOULD BE  
25 APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR BOARD TO LIMIT OR AT LEAST FOCUS THE



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1 TESTIMONY ON THE SEVEN ISSUES, THE SIX THAT THE COURT SET BACK  
2 AND THE SPINE FLOWER ISSUE AND THEN TO CONSIDER HOW THAT  
3 INFORMATION IMPACTS YOUR DECISION TO REAPPROVE THE PROJECT AND  
4 IN WHAT MANNER IT WOULD PROMPT YOU TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL  
5 CONDITIONS OR DIFFERENT MEASURES. WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER ANY  
6 QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO REITERATE, THE JUDGE VALIDATED THE  
15 REMAINDER OF THE E.I.R. IN HIS RULING?

16

17 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
18 COURT DECLINED TO SET ASIDE THE E.I.R. IN TOTAL FINDING THAT  
19 MOST OF IT PASSED MUSTER AND ONLY DETERMINED THAT THE SIX  
20 DISCRETE AREAS HAD TO BE ADDRESSED IN ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
21 INVESTIGATION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE LAWSUIT INVOLVING THE UNITED WATER  
24 CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF VENTURA COUNTY WAS SETTLED AND THE





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1 DISTRICT NO LONGER OPPOSES APPROVAL OF THIS DEVELOPMENT  
2 APPLICATION?

3

4 **RICHARD WEISS:** WELL, WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER, THERE WAS A  
5 SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND  
6 THE COUNTY THAT PROVIDED FOR THE WATER PURVEYORS IN THE SANTA  
7 CLARITA AREA TO DO ADDITIONAL WATER INVESTIGATIONS AND  
8 REPORTING AND THE COUNTY THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
9 IMPOSED AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION ON THE PROJECT REQUIRING THE  
10 COUNTY TO COOPERATE THAT AND TO CONSIDER THAT ADDITIONAL  
11 REPORTING IN ITS FUTURE DECISIONS REGARDING THE PROJECT  
12 PHASES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, MR. STARK, THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
15 BEFORE US TODAY REFLECT THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF STAFF AT  
16 REGIONAL PLANNING?

17

18 **LEE STARK:** YES. AS I MENTIONED IN MY OPENING STATEMENT, WE DO  
19 HAVE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS, AND IN THE NINE YEARS THAT I'VE  
20 WORKED ON THIS PROJECT, I'VE BEEN VERY COMFORTABLE. IN MY  
21 OPENING REMARKS, I MENTIONED THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS PLUS  
22 THE FACT THAT IN MY NINE YEARS IN WORKING WITH THE VARIOUS  
23 CONSULTANTS ON THIS, I'VE BEEN VERY CONFIDENT IN THE WORK THAT  
24 I HAVE DONE THAT THAT ALL OF MY REQUESTED INFORMATION HAS BEEN  
25 PROVIDED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE  
3 WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUES BEFORE US TODAY?

4

5 **LEE STARK:** I BELIEVE SO, YES.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M ADVISED THAT ONE OF THE NEW SOURCES OF  
8 WATER SUPPLY IN THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE WATER FROM THE  
9 NICHOL RANCH AND THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE 1607 ACRES  
10 FEED OF WATER EACH YEAR. WHILE THAT WATER HAS BEEN DESCRIBED  
11 AS 100% RELIABLE, IT CALLS FOR A MINIMUM OF 35 YEARS AND A  
12 MAXIMUM OF A HUNDRED YEARS -- OR, EXCUSE ME, A MAXIMUM OF 70  
13 YEARS. I WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT THE NICHOL RANCH AGREEMENT  
14 COULD BE TERMINATED AFTER 35 YEARS, SO HOW WOULD STAFF ASSURE  
15 THE BOARD THAT THIS WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM DOWN THE ROAD OR DO  
16 WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUIRE THAT THOSE AGREEMENTS  
17 EXTEND TO 70 YEARS?

18

19 **LEE STARK:** THIS IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE  
20 NICHOL FAMILY. IT IS AN AGREEMENT FOR 35 YEARS BUT IT'S  
21 AUTOMATICALLY RENEWABLE AT THE OPTION OF THE WATER PURVEYORS  
22 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 35 YEARS. AT THE END OF THE FIRST 35 YEARS,  
23 HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE OTHER SOURCES OF WATER THAT ARE EVEN  
24 CHEAPER, SO TO MAKE THAT COMMITMENT NOW MAY NOT BE IN THE BEST  
25 PUBLIC INTEREST, BUT THAT OPTION IS AVAILABLE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE ARE THE 64 ACRES OF SPINE FLOWER  
3 PRESERVES THAT WERE AGREED TO BETWEEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
4 AND THE APPLICANT AND WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT?

5

6 **LEE SPARK:** I'LL LET DR. KOOTNIK ANSWER THAT, OUR BIOLOGIST.

7

8 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVIORS, THE TWO PRESERVE  
9 AREAS OF 64 ACRES, ONE ENTITLED, 44 ACRES, THE OTHER 20 ACRES  
10 ARE IN THE TWO AREAS WHERE THE MAIN LOCATION OF THE SPINE  
11 FLOWER ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE RANCH. THERE'S ONE CALLED GRAPE  
12 VINE MESA AND THE OTHER IS AIRPORT MESA. THE SMALLER ONE IS  
13 AIRPORT MESA 20 ACRES, AND THEY INCLUDE THE MAIN POPULATIONS  
14 ON THE RANCH. THERE ARE OTHER POPULATIONS OUTSIDE THESE  
15 PRESERVE AREAS ON THE RANCH, BUT THEY WERE NOT PART OF THE  
16 AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT BASICALLY STATES THAT NEWHALL IS  
17 ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT THE CURRENT  
18 INTENSITY WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE FISH  
19 & GAME DEPARTMENT AND THERE'S CERTAIN ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS  
20 ROADS, I HAVE THE EXISTING FARM ROADS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE  
21 MAINTAINED IN PART OF THAT AGREEMENT. IT DOESN'T INVOLVE ANY  
22 THIRD PARTIES, AND SO IT'S BASICALLY BETWEEN FISH & GAME AND  
23 THE APPLICANT.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M TOLD THAT THE PRESERVES INCLUDE AREAS  
2   DESIGNATED AS POTENTIAL FUTURE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR TWO MAJOR  
3   HIGHWAYS: THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY AND COMMERCE CENTER  
4   DRIVE, BUT THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME DOES NOT  
5   ANTICIPATE ANY CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE RESERVE AND THE ROADS.  
6   COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE LOGIC BEHIND THAT?

7

8   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** YES. THE AGREEMENT ALLOWS ROAD DRIVEWAYS  
9   AND, IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, THE COUNTY'S ALREADY ACCEPTED  
10  SOME DEDICATIONS OF ROAD EASEMENTS BY THE APPLICANT TO THE  
11  COUNTY CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF THE MAJOR  
12  HIGHWAYS IN THE HIGHWAY PLAN FOR THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN.  
13  THE ACTUAL ALIGNMENT THAT WOULD GET BUILT WOULD BE DETERMINED  
14  AT THE TIME THAT A SUBDIVISION MAP ACTUALLY WERE PROCESSED  
15  THROUGH THE COUNTY'S ENTITLEMENT PROCESS AND THAT WOULD BE THE  
16  TIME AT WHICH THE ACTUAL ALIGNMENT WOULD BE DESIGNED AND IT  
17  WOULD BE THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY TO AVOID ANY IMPACTS TO THE  
18  SPINE FLOWER POPULATIONS.

19

20  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, CAN I JUST FOLLOW UP ON THAT ONE  
21  POINT? IS IT COMMON FOR A PRESERVE TO HAVE A HIGHWAY RUNNING  
22  THROUGH IT?

23

24  **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** NO, THAT WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED CONSISTENT  
25  WITH THE DESIGN OF THE PROTECTIONS FOR THE SPINE FLOWER AND



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1 THAT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT OUR INTENT WOULD BE AND  
2 WHAT THE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE IN THE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS  
3 THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION?

6

7 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** SO OUR RECOMMENDATION, WHEN AND AT THE TIME  
8 THAT THE APPLICANT COMES THROUGH WITH A TRACK MAP, THAT WE  
9 WOULD WORK WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
10 A SAFELY-DESIGNED HIGHWAY CAN BE DESIGNED OUTSIDE OF THE  
11 PRESERVE AREAS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OUTSIDE OF THE PRESERVE AREAS?

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15 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** CORRECT.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT THE PRESERVE AREAS WOULD BE ENTIRELY  
18 PRESERVED.

19

20 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WAS I UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE WAY  
23 IT WAS COMING TO US WAS THAT THERE WAS ROADWAYS THROUGH THESE  
24 PRESERVES?

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1   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** I THINK THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONFUSION IN  
2   THAT THERE IS ALSO A PROVISION, A MITIGATION MEASURE IN THE  
3   ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS THAT ALLOWS OR PROVIDES BUFFER AREAS  
4   AROUND THE PRESERVE AREAS AND SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THAT  
5   MITIGATION MEASURE, ROADWAYS ARE CONSIDERED PERMISSIBLE WITHIN  
6   THE BUFFER AREAS, AND THIS WAS ACTUALLY AT THE REQUEST OF BOTH  
7   THE APPLICANT AND THE COUNTY SO THAT AT THE TIME THAT THE  
8   HIGHWAY ALIGNMENT GOT ENGINEERED THAT THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS  
9   FOR A RADIUS OF CURVES, ET CETERA, WERE ANALYZED, THAT THAT  
10   MAY REQUIRE AN ANALYSIS OR AN AREA WHERE A BUFFER MIGHT BE  
11   INFRINGED UPON BY THE ACTUAL ALIGNMENT. THE INTENT IS AT THE  
12   TIME THE APPLICANT SUBMITS TRACT MAPS FOR ACTUAL ENTITLEMENTS  
13   THAT THE PRESERVE AND THE BUFFER AREAS WOULD BE OUTSIDE ANY  
14   ROAD ALIGNMENTS.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE INTENT?

17

18   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** THAT'S THE INTENT AND THAT'S WHAT WE'LL  
19   WORK WITH AND WHAT WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT IS --

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE ACTUAL, IS THERE A CONDITION  
22   THAT REQUIRES THAT?

23

24   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** CORRECT.

25





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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S MORE THAN INTENT.

2

3    **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** IT'S INTENT IN THE MITIGATION MEASURE, SO  
4    WE WOULD HAVE TO ANALYZE THE PROJECT'S SPECIFIC IMPACTS AT THE  
5    TIME THE ENTITLEMENT REQUEST COMES TO THE COUNTY.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS IT SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION AT THAT  
8    TIME? MY- MY-

9

10   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** AS FAR AS THE ALIGNMENT?

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS FAR AS PUTTING A ROADWAY THROUGH THE  
13   BUFFER ZONE.

14

15   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** THROUGH THE BUFFER ZONE, AS AGAIN, THE  
16   INTENT WOULD BE TO LOOK AT THE --

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WASN'T MY QUESTION. I UNDERSTAND THE  
19   INTENT. IS IT SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY AT THE  
20   TIME WHEN THAT COMES UP?

21

22   **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** THAT IS CORRECT.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES FISH AND GAMES ACCEPT THAT?

25



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1 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** FISH & GAME ACCEPTS THAT IN THEIR CURRENT  
2 AGREEMENT FOR THE PRESERVES, YES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE REQUIRE -- COULD WE PREVENT TODAY  
5 THE PLACEMENT OF A ROADWAY THROUGH THE BUFFER ZONE, IF WE  
6 CHOSE TO?

7

8 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** YES, YOU COULD.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD THAT BE, IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL  
11 JUDGMENT, PREFERABLE?

12

13 **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** AS MY CONVERSATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS  
14 DEPARTMENT IS THAT IT MIGHT PUT THE COUNTY IN A UNTENABLE  
15 SITUATION IN THE FUTURE AS FAR AS THE SAFETY ALIGNMENT OF A  
16 PARTICULAR ROADWAY. AND THAT WAS THE INTENT WHY WE ALLOWED TO  
17 LEASE WITHIN THE BUFFER AREAS BUT NOT IN THE PRESERVE AREAS,  
18 AN OCCASIONAL ALIGNMENT OF THE ROAD GOING THROUGH, AND THEN WE  
19 WOULD PUT IN ADDITIONAL PROTECTION MEASURES FOR THE PRESERVE  
20 AREAS IF THAT WERE INDEED THE CASE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, LEAVING  
23 THE ROAD ISSUE ASIDE, THE SAFETY ISSUE ASIDE, A BUFFER WITHOUT  
24 A ROAD IS BETTER THAN A BUFFER WITH A ROAD?

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1    **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** CORRECT.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION -- FINAL QUESTION. C-TACK HAS  
4    OFFERED THE NUMBER OF COMMENTS OR CRITICISMS. COULD YOU  
5    SPECIFICALLY RESPOND TO C-TACK'S POSITION IN GENERAL AND  
6    SPECIFICALLY TO THE SPINE FLOWER TRANSLOCATION ISSUE?

7

8    **DR. DARYL KOOTNIK:** YES. C-TACK REVIEWED THE ADDITIONAL  
9    ANALYSIS AND CAME UP WITH A NUMBER OF COMMENTS AND  
10    RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
11    INCLUDED MANY OF THOSE IN OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND MITIGATION  
12    MEASURES. SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT THEY HAD WERE BASICALLY  
13    COMMENTS ON HOW THE BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION HAD BEEN  
14    DETERMINED, THAT IN PARTICULAR, THERE WAS A QUESTION ON THE  
15    ROYO TOAD THAT HAD NOT BEEN FULLY ADDRESSED. IT WAS A SURPRISE  
16    TO THEM THAT WHEN THE APPLICANT COMES THROUGH WITH THE  
17    SPECIFIC ENTITLEMENT REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY, THAT THOSE  
18    ISSUES WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED AT THAT TIME. AS FAR AS  
19    THE TRANSLOCATION OF THE SPINE FLOWER IS CONCERNED, THAT  
20    THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURE TO ACTUALLY ENHANCE  
21    THE POPULATIONS. THE MAIN MITIGATION MEASURES ACTUALLY, THE  
22    INCLUSION OF THE PRESERVE POPULATIONS WITHIN PRESERVE AREAS  
23    AND THE TRANSLOCATION AS IT'S STATED IN THE ADDITIONAL  
24    ANALYSIS, IS EXPERIMENTAL AND WOULD ONLY BE DONE WITH THE  
25    ACQUIESCENCE OF THE COUNTY AND THE FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT.



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2 SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU.

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4 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS  
5 TIME, WE WILL THEN GO FORWARD WITH THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. IS  
6 THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE --

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8 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MADAM CHAIR BEFORE -- WHILE THEY'RE COMING  
9 DOWN MAYBE YOU CAN COMMENT, I JUST WANT TO ASK MR. STARK ONE  
10 BRIEF QUESTION.

11

12 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: SURE GO RIGHT AHEAD.

13

14 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: CALL THE NAMES AND THEY CAN COME DOWN WHILE  
15 I'M ASKING THE QUESTION.

16

17 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT, WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS TO CALL  
18 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WISH TO SPEAK. THEN I  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE  
20 WILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR TIME JUST FOR THIS MATTER TO MOVE AS  
21 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN SUPPORT. I  
22 WILL CALL YOUR NAMES AFTER WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE FIRST FIVE  
23 PEOPLE. YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP YOUR  
24 TIME, AFTER YOU'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED, WE WILL PUT YOUR NAME DOWN  
25 AND WE WILL CALL YOUR NAME. BUT WE APPRECIATE ANYONE WHO CAN



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1 MAKE THIS MOVE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK IF YOU  
2 WOULD ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN DELINEATED. THE SIX  
3 ISSUES, PLUS THE ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE SPINE FLOWER AND THE  
4 WATER ISSUE ARE TO COMMENT ON THOSE. BUT BASICALLY AS THE  
5 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS EXPLAINED TO US THERE'S SIX ISSUES THAT  
6 THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS COVERING. ALL RIGHT, IN SUPPORT, GARY  
7 ARCUSUMONO, AND RUSTY HAMMER, DAN BILLY, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
8 FORWARD? SO EVERYONE'S GIVING UP THEIR TURN.

9

10 **STEVE ZIMMER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS STEVE  
11 ZIMMER. YOU DID NOT CALL MY NAME. BUT I AM SPEAKING FOR THE  
12 APPLICANT.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU, OKAY ARE YOU GOING TO BE THE  
15 PERSON WHO SPEAKS FOR THE APPLICANT?

16

17 **STEVE ZIMMER:** YES.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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21 **STEVE ZIMMER:** YES I AM.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND LEE HARRINGTON, IS HE GOING TO BE ALSO  
24 SPEAKING?

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1     **STEVE ZIMMER:** THERE ARE SOME OTHER SPEAKERS IN SUPPORT.

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3     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IF YOU'D LIKE TO START. GARY,  
4     GARY ARCUSOMONO IS NOT GOING TO SPEAK, IS THAT IT OR IS HE?

5

6     **STEVE ZIMMER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

7

8     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10    **STEVE ZIMMER:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD  
11    MEMBERS. MY NAME IS STEVE ZIMMER AND I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
12    NEWHALL LAND, THE APPLICANT IN THE MATTER BEFORE YOU. MY  
13    ADDRESS IS 23823 VALENCIA BOULEVARD, IN VALENCIA. AS YOU'VE  
14    JUST HEARD FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL WE ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY AS  
15    A RESULT OF KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RANDALL'S ORDER  
16    REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
17    ANALYSIS ON SEVERAL ISSUES. YOUR STAFF HAS STATED THOSE  
18    ISSUES, WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE  
19    ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS BEFORE YOU. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A RE-  
20    CIRCULATED DOCUMENT THAT YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT. BECAUSE OF THE  
21    NEW SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY AND THE NEW ISSUE OF SENSITIVE  
22    PLANTS AND IN PARTICULAR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER.  
23    AS YOUR STAFF HAS ALSO STATED TODAY AND IN THE DOCUMENTS, ALL  
24    INFORMATION REGARDING ALL OF THESE ISSUES HAS BEEN FULLY  
25    DISCLOSED AND DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE





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1    RESPONSES TO COMMENTS. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO FOCUS ON THE AMOUNT  
2    OF SUPPORT THAT SURROUNDS THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT IN OUR  
3    COMPANY. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED OVER 75 LETTERS  
4    FROM VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES REPRESENTING THOUSANDS  
5    OF PEOPLE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY THAT SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS  
6    TO MOVE THIS MATTER FORWARD. AS YOU ALL KNOW IT IS DIFFICULT  
7    TO GET CITIZENS TO ATTEND HEARINGS OR GET ACTIVE ON ISSUES.  
8    THEY ARE BUSY WORKING AND TAKING CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES. WE  
9    ARE GRATEFUL THAT MANY SUPPORTERS OF NEWHALL RANCH ARE IN THE  
10   AUDIENCE TODAY. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES  
11   CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMBER OF  
12   COMMERCE, THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND  
13   LABOR UNIONS. THESE GROUPS REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF COMPANIES  
14   AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES. WE ARE PLEASED SO MANY  
15   PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO TAKE TIME TO GET INVOLVED. TODAY, IN  
16   ADDITION TO THE SPEAKERS WHO WILL FOLLOW ME, WE HAVE MANY  
17   PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE NOT SPEAKING BUT WHO I WOULD  
18   LIKE TO STAND UP TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.

19  
20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WELL THANK YOU. WE WON'T CALL OF  
21   YOUR NAMES.

22  
23   **STEVE ZIMMER:** NO THAT'S FINE. I ACTUALLY HAD TO PROMISE THEM  
24   THAT. THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING NEWHALL RANCH  
25   SEND A VERY CLEAR MESSAGE OF THE REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE



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1 PROJECT TO THE COUNTY. AND IN CONCLUSION, YOUR STAFF AND  
2 PLANNING COMMISSION HAS CONDUCTED A THOROUGH AND EXHAUSTIVE  
3 ANALYSIS OF THE ISSUES BEFORE YOU, AS EVIDENCED BY THE  
4 ADDITION OF 29 NEW MITIGATION MEASURES. FIVE REVISED MEASURES  
5 AND THREE NEW CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. AS YOU KNOW, THIS HAS  
6 BEEN A VERY LONG ROAD SINCE THIS MATTER WAS SENT BACK TO THE  
7 COUNTY BY THE COURT. IT HAS BEEN ALMOST THREE YEARS THAT WE  
8 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH COUNTY STAFF ON THE ADDITIONAL  
9 ANALYSIS. YOUR ACTION TODAY TO APPROVE THE FINAL ADDITIONAL  
10 ANALYSIS WILL EXPEDITE RETURNING THE PROJECT TO THE COURT FOR  
11 VALIDATION. AS THE BOARD IS AWARE THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT  
12 AUTHORIZE ANY DEVELOPMENT OR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPECIFIC  
13 PLAN BECAUSE THE PROJECT IS CONDITIONED THAT EACH FUTURE  
14 SUBDIVISION MUST UNDERGO FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND  
15 APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL SUBDIVISION MAPS BEFORE ANY  
16 CONSTRUCTION CAN PROCEED. HOWEVER YOUR APPROVAL WILL BEGIN THE  
17 PROCESS OF MAKING THE LARGE AREA OF THE HIGH COUNTRY AVAILABLE  
18 FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS AND PARKS AND  
19 PROVIDING OTHER NEEDED SERVICES TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.  
20 THANK YOU AND I'D BE HAPPY TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE  
21 PUBLIC TESTIMONY TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS ANY  
22 ISSUES THAT COME UP. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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1   **RUSTY HAMMER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RUSTY HAMMER, I'M THE  
2   PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA  
3   CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS  
4   FROM THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALMOST 800,000  
5   EMPLOYEES THAT THEY EMPLOY, WHO ARE IMPACTED BY THE LACK OF  
6   AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M  
7   HERE TODAY TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. ONE OF THE  
8   MEMBERS THAT I REPRESENT AND THAT HAS BEEN A PART OF THE  
9   CHAMBER FOR A LONG TIME IS THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING  
10   COMPANY. A LOOK AT THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST  
11   38 YEARS IN CREATING VALENCIA AND THEIR 120-YEAR HISTORY AS  
12   ONE OF THE FINEST CORPORATE CITIZENS IN OUR COUNTY CONVINCES  
13   ME THAT WILL PROVIDE A QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AT NEWHALL RANCH  
14   THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS ALL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AND  
15   THE SIX ISSUES IN THIS SPINE FLOWER MATTER THAT YOU ARE  
16   DISCUSSING TODAY. WE AS THE CHAMBER RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE  
17   OF THESE TRANSPORTATION, WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND  
18   WOULD NOT BE HERE TO SUPPORT A PROJECT THAT WAS NOT SENSITIVE  
19   TO THOSE IMPORTANT MATTERS. THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER HAS  
20   MADE THE HOUSING CRISIS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY A HIGH PRIORITY  
21   AND WE CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED HOUSING PRODUCTION  
22   AND ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS. I  
23   URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT IN NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24   WHICH WILL PROVIDE ALMOST 22,000 NEW HOMES. THE LOS ANGELES  
25   METRO AREA IS A POPULATION THAT IS EXPECTED TO GROW BY THE



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1 EQUIVALENT OF TWO CHICAGOS OR ALMOST SIX MILLION RESIDENTS IN  
2 THE NEXT TEN YEARS. INDEED THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
3 OF GOVERNMENTS ESTIMATES THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL NEED TO ADD  
4 APPROXIMATELY 25,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS EVERY YEAR TO MEET THAT  
5 DEMAND SO NEWHALL RANCH, WHILE LARGE, IS ONLY A DENT IN  
6 MEETING OUR LONGTERM NEEDS. CONSTANT HOUSING IN THIS REGION  
7 ARE FORCING RESIDENTS AND JOBS OUT OF OUR AREA, ESSENTIAL  
8 EMPLOYEES LIKE TEACHERS, NURSES, POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE  
9 FIGHTERS CAN NO LONGER AFFORD THE COMMUTE OR THE COST OF  
10 HOUSING. PROJECTS LIKE NEWHALL RANCH ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE'RE TO  
11 MEET OUR HOUSING NEEDS FOR SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY. THE  
12 CREATION OF NEW WELL PLANNED COMMUNITIES THAT INCLUDE BOTH  
13 AFFORDABLE UNITS, PROVIDE A BALANCE OF JOBS AND HOUSING, OFFER  
14 TRANSIT OPTIONS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF THIS  
15 REGION. NEWHALL RANCH NOT ONLY PROVIDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT  
16 IS ALSO NEAR VALENCIA'S MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CENTER, IS CLOSE TO  
17 METROLINK AND BUS SERVICES. INDEED VALENCIA HAS A 3-TO-ONE  
18 POSITIVE JOBS HOUSING BALANCE, JUST THE TYPE OF LAND USE  
19 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO PUT JOBS CLOSE TO WHERE PEOPLE  
20 LIVE. ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, THE SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYEE  
21 BASE THAT THE CHAMBER REPRESENTS AND ON BEHALF OF THE REGION'S  
22 GROWING POPULATION WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT, WHICH  
23 WILL MOVE US CLOSER TO MEETING OUR REGION'S NEEDS FOR  
24 AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

2

3    **DAN BILLY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DAN BILLY, AND I WORK AS A  
4    BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 12.  
5    WE CURRENTLY REPRESENT OVER 23,000 MEMBERS, 13,000 OF WHOM  
6    CONSIST OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, SURVEYORS, AND  
7    INSPECTORS THAT WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON THE  
8    NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT. OUR MEMBERS SUPPORT QUALITY  
9    DEVELOPMENTS LIKE THE NEWHALL RANCH BECAUSE IT WILL HELP  
10    PROVIDE GOOD-PAYING JOBS WITH BENEFITS AND RAISE THE QUALITY  
11    OF LIFE IN THE AREA. UNEMPLOYMENT IS CURRENTLY A PROBLEM IN  
12    THIS COUNTRY, LET'S HELP FIX THE PROBLEM BY APPROVING AND  
13    PROMOTING THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT. THANK YOU.

14

15    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COULD LEE HARRINGTON IF HE'S  
16    STILL HERE COME FORWARD. YES AND THEN MARK THORESON AND DAVE  
17    BOSSERT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

18

19    **LEE HARRINGTON:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I'M LEE HARRINGTON,  
20    I'M THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LOS  
21    ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, I'M HERE  
22    TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.A.E.D.C. TO  
23    TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. WE FACE A DAUNTING  
24    CHALLENGE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOING FORWARD. WE EXPECT, AND  
25    JACK KAISER CONFIRMS, A GROWTH OF ABOUT 150,000 PEOPLE A YEAR



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1    WITHIN THE COUNTY. 70% OF THAT GROWTH IS GOING TO BE  
2    INTERNALLY GENERATED. THE CHALLENGE IS TO PROVIDE BROAD-BASED  
3    PROSPERITY FOR PEOPLE RELATIVE TO JOBS AND AT THE SAME TIME  
4    MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT HAS  
5    DONE A GOOD JOB IN ADDRESSING THAT BALANCE, IN ADDRESSING THE  
6    QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES RELATING TO HOUSING, WHILE AT THE SAME  
7    TIME TAKING A SENSITIVE APPROACH TO THE IMPACTS OF  
8    DEVELOPMENT. WE WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND  
9    BELIEVE THAT, LIKE THE PROJECT BEFORE IT IN VALENCIA AND LIKE  
10   THE PROJECT THAT WE'VE SEEN IN ORANGE COUNTY BY THE IRVINE  
11   COMPANY, IT WILL BE A KEY COMPONENT OF AN OVERALL SUCCESSFUL  
12   ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE FUTURE, THANK YOU.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16   **MARK THORESON:** YES, MY NAME IS MARK THORESON. GOOD MORNING,  
17   I'M HERE TODAY TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE NEWHALL RANCH. IT'S  
18   KIND OF A COINCIDENTAL MOMENT FOR ME. I, JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO  
19   I MOVED TO VALENCIA FROM THE HEART OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
20   CONSIDERED A RADICAL MOVE ON THE PART OF SOME FRIENDS. BUT IN  
21   THE COURSE OF INTERVIEWING FOR EMPLOYMENT AT THE CALIFORNIA  
22   INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS, WHERE I AM NOW, I KNEW THAT I WANTED TO  
23   TAKE THAT POSITION, I WAS A LITTLE DUBIOUS AFTER ENJOYING THE  
24   LIFE OF A BIG CITY, ABOUT MOVING TO A SUBURB, SO FAR, IN SOME  
25   PEOPLE'S OPINIONS, FROM LOS ANGELES. I HAVE TO TELL YOU THOUGH





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1    THAT I BELIEVE I'M NOW THE NUMBER-ONE FAN IN ALL OF VALENCIA,  
2    FOR EVERYTHING THAT IT HAS TO OFFER. COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE, CITY  
3    EXCITEMENT, WELL-PLANNED TRAFFIC FLOWS AND ESPECIALLY PRIDE OF  
4    PLACE ON THE PART OF US RESIDENTS. I HONESTLY BELIEVE WE OWE  
5    THIS FINE RESULT TO THE NEWHALL LAND COMPANY. THE PEOPLE WHO  
6    AS THEIR SLOGAN I THINK GOES SOMETHING LIKE "BUILT AS  
7    PROMISED." THEY'VE DONE THAT, I BELIEVE, IN VALENCIA AND I  
8    HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE SAME  
9    THING WITH NEWHALL RANCH. AS MUCH AS WE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS  
10    OLD AND NEW LIKE MYSELF, MIGHT LIKE TO SLAM THE DOOR AGAINST  
11    OTHERS ADDING TO OUR NUMBERS BECAUSE WE ENJOY SO MUCH WHAT WE  
12    HAVE, IT JUST ISN'T THE FAIR WAY IN MY OPINION, IT'S BECAUSE  
13    RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES LIKE NEWHALL LAND WERE ALLOWED TO BUILD  
14    AN IDEAL COMMUNITY, WHAT THEY PROMISED, THAT WE ENJOY THE LIFE  
15    WE DO. I SINCERELY BELIEVE IT'S PROOF THEY'LL DO THE SAME  
16    THING WITH NEWHALL RANCH AND CREATE IT WITH THE SAME RESPECT  
17    FOR OUR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY DID AND  
18    THAT THEY'RE STILL DOING WITH VALENCIA. THANK YOU.

19

20    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. BOSSERT AND THEN  
21    COULD WE HAVE PHIL MAZZEO AND SKIP HENKE TO COME FORWARD?

22

23    **DAVID BOSSERT:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. THIS IS  
24    MY FIRST TIME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I DON'T  
25    THINK IT'LL BE MY LAST WITH SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 GOING ON. MY NAME IS DAVID BOSSERT AND I FIRST MOVED INTO THE  
2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN 1980. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT AND  
3 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STEVENSON RANCH COMMUNITY SINCE 1992. I'M  
4 A FOUNDING MEMBER AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE STEVENSON RANCH  
5 CIVIC ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS, EXCUSE ME, A COMMUNITY SERVICE  
6 ORGANIZATION. LAST FALL I WAS ELECTED TO THE STEVENSON RANCH  
7 TOWN COUNCIL, AND THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT I AM SERVING ON  
8 THE STEVENSON RANCH TOWN COUNCIL AND TODAY I'M SPEAKING ON  
9 BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL. AS A LONG TIME RESIDENT, COMMUNITY  
10 LEADER AND VOICE OF THE SILENT MAJORITY I'M SPEAKING IN  
11 SUPPORT OF BALANCE AND MANAGED GROWTH IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
12 VALLEY. HAVING WITNESSED THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE  
13 LAST 20 YEARS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, I BELIEVE THAT IT  
14 IS IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ACTIVELY REVIEW ALL PLANS  
15 FOR LARGE AND SMALL DEVELOPMENTS. THIS IS CERTAINLY TRUE OF  
16 THE EVOLVING VISION THAT NEWHALL LAND HAS FOR THE NEWHALL  
17 RANCH PROJECT. I SAY EVOLVING, BECAUSE WITH ANY VISION, THERE  
18 NEEDS TO BE A LEVEL OF FLEXIBILITY BUILT IN TO ACCOMMODATE  
19 INPUT FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES. THE NEWHALL, EXCUSE ME, THE  
20 NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT HAS THAT FLEXIBILITY. IT IS A VISION  
21 THAT I HAVE WATCHED EVOLVE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND HAS  
22 IMPROVED WITH EACH ITERATION. NEWHALL LAND HAS BEEN A GOOD  
23 CORPORATE CITIZEN IN THAT THEY HAVE LISTENED TO AND ADJUSTED  
24 THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT. NEWHALL  
25 LAND HAS ASSURED THE STEVENSON RANCH TOWN COUNCIL THAT THEY



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1 WILL WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND CONSIDER ALL SUGGESTIONS AND  
2 CONCERNS DURING THE LENGTHY BUILD-OUT OF THE NEWHALL RANCH  
3 PROJECT. THEY HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO INCLUDE A VARIETY OF  
4 COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE PLANNING OF THEIR VISION FOR NEWHALL  
5 RANCH. I'D LIKE TO JUST HIGHLIGHT A FEW ASPECTS OF NEWHALL  
6 RANCH, OF THIS PROJECT, THAT I FIND VERY APPEALING TO THE  
7 LIVABILITY OF THE AREA. THERE WILL BE OVER 50 MILES OF  
8 PEDESTRIAN, EQUESTRIAN, AND BICYCLE TRAILS INCLUDING FIVE  
9 MILES OF THE REGIONAL RIVER TRAIL. THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEW  
10 PUBLIC LIBRARY. PRESERVATION OF NINE SQUARE MILES,  
11 REPRESENTING 51% OF THE PROJECT LAND, INCLUDING 4,214 ACRES OF  
12 THE SANTA SUZANNA MOUNTAINS HIGH COUNTRY, WHICH WOULD EXTEND  
13 TEN MILES FROM I-5 OUT TO VENTURA. LESS THAN 4% OF THE 16,314  
14 OAK TREES ON THE PROPERTY WILL BE IMPACTED. AND I'VE GOT TO  
15 TELL YOU, FOR THE LAST TWO DECADES I'VE BEEN A VERY BIG  
16 SUPPORTER OF THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AND I AM  
17 THRILLED THAT BETTER THAN 90% -- 95% OF THESE EXISTING OAK  
18 TREES WILL BE PRESERVED. ALSO NEARLY 20,000 PERMANENT JOBS  
19 WILL BE CREATED AND ALSO THERE'S GOING TO BE 13 NEW PARKS  
20 ADDED TO THAT AREA. THIS IS JUST A FEW OF THE MANY BENEFITS OF  
21 THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT. THIS IS TRULY A WELL THOUGHT OUT  
22 VISION, A VISION THAT NEWHALL LAND HAS ACTIVELY GONE OUT INTO  
23 THE COMMUNITY TO SHARE AND GET INPUT FROM THEIR NEIGHBORS,  
24 BUT, AND THERE'S ALWAYS A LITTLE BIT OF A BUT HERE, THERE ARE  
25 TWO MAJOR CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE HEARD OVER AND OVER FROM THE



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1 RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY: SCHOOLS AND TRAFFIC. THESE ARE  
2 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE QUALITY  
3 OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE ECHOED THESE CONCERNS TO  
4 NEWHALL LAND AND THEY HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO WORK WITH  
5 US TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES. BUT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT FALLS  
6 SQUARELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE AREA DEVELOPERS BUT RATHER  
7 INVOLVES THEM AS WELL AS THE COUNTY, STATE AND LOCAL  
8 GOVERNMENT. THE INFRASTRUCTURE MUST, AND I REALLY, I WANT TO  
9 EMPHASIZE IT MUST BE PUT IN FIRST, THIS INCLUDES THE  
10 APPROPRIATE SCHOOLS, THE ROADWAYS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO  
11 REGULATE THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC THAT COMES WITH THIS GROWTH.  
12 I WOULD URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOT TO WAVER ON THE  
13 WIDENING OF PICO CANYON, WE MUST STAY THE COURSE AND IT MUST  
14 BE BUILT OUT AS A FOUR-LANE ROADWAY. THE CONCERN IN THE  
15 COMMUNITY IS THAT A GREATLY INCREASED VOLUME OF TRAFFIC WILL  
16 PASS THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD THERE NOT BE AN ADEQUATE  
17 NUMBER OF ROADWAYS TO HELP SPREAD OUT OR DIFFUSE THE TRAFFIC  
18 VOLUME. THE RECENT FIASCO THAT OUR COMMUNITY WAS SUBJECTED TO  
19 OVER OAK TREE NUMBER 419 HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SAVING THAT  
20 OAK TREE; THE OAK TREE WAS ACTUALLY HELD HOSTAGE TO PREVENT  
21 THE WIDENING OF PICO CANYON. IT WAS GLARING EVIDENCE THAT  
22 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS LACK THE COMPREHENSIVE VISION FOR  
23 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SCOPE IN PARTICULAR HAD NOT BEEN  
24 PROACTIVE BUT RATHER THEY HAVE ONLY BEEN REACTIVE. SINCE BOTH  
25 JOHN LANG HOLMES AND THE VARIOUS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS



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1 WERE AWARE OF OAK TREE NUMBER 419 AND ITS POTENTIAL ISSUE WITH  
2 THE WIDENING OF PICO CANYON, NEITHER ATTEMPTED TO SOLVE THE  
3 PROBLEM IN ADVANCE OF THE LANG SUBDIVISION BEING GRADED AND  
4 BUILT OUT. BOTH GROUPS LACKED THE VISION AND HENCE A  
5 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND RESOURCES WERE WASTED. HAD THESE  
6 GROUPS AND JOHN LANG HOLMES WORKED TOGETHER, OAK TREE 419  
7 COULD HAVE BEEN LEFT WHERE IT HAS STOOD FOR THE LAST 150 YEARS  
8 AND THE PICO CANYON ROADWAY COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. IN  
9 ADDITION, JUST IMAGINE HOW MANY LARGE TREES COULD HAVE BEEN  
10 PLANTED WITH THE FUNDS THAT WERE USED TO PAY THE TREE-SITTERS,  
11 THE LAWYERS AND WITH WHAT IS BEING SPENT NOW TO MOVE THE OAK.  
12 IT ALL COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED WITH COMMUNICATION AND  
13 COOPERATION. AS FOR THE SCHOOLS, THE MISTAKES THAT WERE MADE  
14 IN THE PAST SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED. AN ADEQUATE NUMBER AND  
15 SIZE OF SCHOOLS MUST BE IN PLACE BEFORE THE NEXT SCHOOL CRISIS  
16 OCCURS. MANY SCHOOLS IN OUR AREA HAVE BEEN DELAYED NOT JUST BY  
17 THE DEVELOPERS IN SOME CASES BUT ALSO BY THE LITIGATION  
18 INITIATED BY THE VISIONLESS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS. AND IT IS  
19 OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE SUFFERED IN OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS AND WITH  
20 UNNECESSARY BUSSING.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK  
23 YOU.

24

25 **DAVID BOSSERT:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

3

4 **PHILIP MAZZEO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS PHILIP MAZZEO, I  
5 LIVE IN THE CASTAIC AREA. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF  
6 NEWHALL RANCH AND THE ISSUES BEFORE YOU. I AM WELL-ACQUAINTED  
7 WITH THE PROJECT, HAVING SERVED FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS ON THE  
8 CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNCIL, THREE YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THAT  
9 BODY. AND IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE DESIGN AND  
10 PARTICIPATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, NEWHALL  
11 LAND APPROACHED THE NEIGHBORS WHICH INCLUDED THE TOWN OF --  
12 THE AREA OF CASTAIC, WHICH COINCIDENTALLY PART OF NEWHALL  
13 RANCH PROJECT LIES WITHIN THE CASTAIC BOUNDARIES SO WE ARE  
14 VERY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH THEM. THEY WORKED WITH US TO  
15 ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY ISSUES OF SCHOOLS, AND TRAFFIC AND  
16 INCORPORATE IDEAS. THE TOWN COUNCIL AT THAT TIME SUPPORTED THE  
17 GENERAL PLAN OF NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING AND ONE OF THE THINGS  
18 THAT REALLY MOVED US TO SUPPORT IT WAS THE FACT THAT THE  
19 INDIVIDUAL TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK FOR  
20 RECONSIDERATION AND THEY HAVE PROMISED THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
21 CASTAIC AND THE PEOPLE OF CASTAIC THAT THEY WOULD INDEED  
22 ACCEPT OUR INPUT AND CONSIDER IT AND ADOPT THE CONCERNS OF THE  
23 CASTAIC COMMUNITY. SO AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT THERE, I'VE BEEN  
24 IN CASTAIC FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS NOW AND I'M ACTIVE WITH THE  
25 COMMUNITY, AS I SAID WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL, I KNOW THEY WILL





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1 DEVELOP THE AREA IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER. I THINK THE SIX  
2 ISSUES THAT ARE BEFORE YOU NOW NEED TO BE RESOLVED SO THAT WE  
3 CAN MOVE FORWARD IN THE PROCESS AND BEGIN THE DETAILED WORK OF  
4 THE TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS. AGAIN, WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF  
5 NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY ON EACH  
6 DETAILED TRACT MAP. I THINK THAT IS AN INCREDIBLY BIG SELLING  
7 POINT. SO I, AS A CITIZEN NOW, SINCE DUE TO THE CONSTRAINTS OF  
8 TERM LIMITS I'M NO LONGER ON THE TOWN COUNCIL, BUT AS A  
9 RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN OF THE AREA I URGE THAT YOU SUPPORT AND  
10 PASS THIS PROJECT THROUGH TO THE NEXT LEVEL SO WE CAN BEGIN  
11 THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE THING BUILT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE HAVE LARRY  
14 MANKIN COME FORWARD AND YES SIR.

15

16 **SKIP HENKE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17 MY NAME IS SKIP HENKE, I'M A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL.  
19 WE REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 130,000 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS LIVING  
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE A RESIDENCE IN THE  
21 SANTA CLARITA-STEVESON RANCH AREA. I COME HERE TODAY TO  
22 SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
23 DEPARTMENT. THE NEED FOR HOUSING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
24 IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM THAT THE NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPMENT WILL  
25 HELP TO ADDRESS. NOT ONLY IS IT ONGOING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 BUT IT'S ONGOING IN OUR STATE, AS ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE. THE  
2 NEWHALL RANCH-SPECIFIC PLAN PROVIDES FOR A DESIGN COMMUNITY  
3 THAT INCLUDES THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE  
4 FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME CAN BE  
5 ADJUSTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES LISTED IN THE COURT -- IN THE  
6 WRIT OF MANDATE. IT ALSO PROVIDES ONGOING PERMANENT JOBS FOR  
7 THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AFTER THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION  
8 OF THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. YOU HAVE HEARD MANY  
9 COMMENTS HERE TODAY AND I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE VIRTUES I'M  
10 MOST IMPRESSED WITH IN MY LIFE HAS BEEN BREVITY, SO I'LL KEEP  
11 COMMENTS SHORT TO SAYING I WOULD URGE EACH OF YOU TO VOTE AND  
12 SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION AND MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD, THANK  
13 YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **LARRY MANKIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M LARRY MANKIN, CHIEF  
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMBER OF  
19 COMMERCE. I MAY BE A NEW FACE TO MANY OF YOU HAVING RECENTLY  
20 TAKING THIS POSITION BUT I KNOW THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
21 CHAMBER IS WELL-KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS WE REPRESENT 1,500  
22 BUSINESSES AND WE ARE VERY CLEARLY ONE OF THE LARGEST CHAMBERS  
23 OF COMMERCE IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION. I'M HERE TO  
24 SUPPORT YOUR APPROVAL OF THE ISSUES RELATING TO NEWHALL RANCH.  
25 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IS BLESSED IN MANY WAYS. WE ARE KNOWN



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1 AS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND RAISE A FAMILY, AND OUR CITY AND  
2 COUNTY SERVICES PLAY A HUGE ROLE IN MAINTAINING THAT  
3 REPUTATION. WE ARE AN ATTRACTIVE AND WELL-PLANNED COMMUNITY,  
4 THANKS IN LARGE PART TO NEWHALL LAND. AND WE ARE RECOGNIZED AS  
5 A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, WITH THRIVING BUSINESS PARKS THAT ARE  
6 ATTRACTING MANY OF LOS ANGELES' GROWING COMPANIES AND FUELING  
7 OUR REGION'S ECONOMIC GROWTH. BUT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR  
8 VIBRANT ECONOMY WE MUST LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING WELL-PLANNED  
9 HOUSING CHOICES, MORE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORTING  
10 INFRASTRUCTURE. NEWHALL RANCH WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS  
11 MEETING OUR REGION'S SEVERE HOUSING DEMAND WHILE PROVIDING  
12 MORE JOBS AND SERVICES. QUALITY OF LIFE IS TODAY'S BIG BUZZ  
13 WORD, BUT FOR MOST OF US, OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IS DEPENDANT ON  
14 HAVING A JOB AND A HOME. BUSINESSES WILL NOT CONTINUE TO COME  
15 TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY OR ANYWHERE IN LOS ANGELES, FOR  
16 THAT MATTER, WITHOUT ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ITS EMPLOYEES.  
17 NEWHALL RANCH IS A WELL-PLANNED COMMUNITY THAT WILL HAVE A  
18 WIDE RANGE OF HOUSING CHOICES. 19,000 PERMANENT JOBS, 6,000  
19 ACRES OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, NEW SCHOOLS, ROADS, TRAILS AND  
20 PUBLIC FACILITIES. NEWHALL LAND HAS ADDRESSED ALL ISSUES  
21 BEFORE YOU, INCLUDING WATER, IN A THOUGHTFUL MANNER AND THEIR  
22 TRACK RECORD IN VALENCIA IS INDICATIVE OF THEIR COMMITMENT. AS  
23 NEWHALL RANCH IS BUILT OVER THE NEXT 20 PLUS YEARS SPECIFIC  
24 TENTATIVE TRACT MAP APPROVALS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL PERTINENT  
25 ISSUES RECEIVE ADDITIONAL REVIEW BEFORE DEVELOPMENT ACTUALLY



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1 OCCURS. ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND  
2 OUR 1,500 MEMBERS WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE SIX ISSUES BEFORE  
3 YOU, AS REMANDED BY THE COURT, SO THAT NEWHALL RANCH'S  
4 SPECIFIC PLAN CAN MOVE FORWARD. BALANCED PLANS LIKE NEWHALL  
5 RANCH ALLOWS US TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE AND PROVIDE FOR OUR  
6 REGION'S ECONOMIC VITALITY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
9 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THIS -- THAT HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK THAT I HAVE  
10 NOT CALLED, WHO HAVE -- OR STILL WANT TO SPEAK? ALL RIGHT, IF  
11 NOT, YOUR NAMES WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD AND THEY WILL BE  
12 INCLUDED AS PART OF THE RECORD AS IF YOU HAD MADE A STATEMENT  
13 INDICATING YOUR POSITION. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL NOW CALL THOSE  
14 PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED. ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE HERE WHO -- IF  
15 THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO STAND AND BE  
16 RECOGNIZED AND WOULD GIVE UP THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK, IF YOU  
17 COULD DO THAT AT THIS TIME. WE WILL CALL EACH ONE OF YOU. JOHN  
18 K. FLYNN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA. COULD KATHY  
19 LONG COME UP AT THE SAME TIME? AND THEN WE'LL CALL LYNNE  
20 PLAMBECK. SUPERVISOR KATHY LONG IS HERE AS WELL. I'M SORRY, I  
21 SHOULD'VE CALLED YOU OUT OF PLACE BUT COME RIGHT UP, AND  
22 LYNNE.

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1   **KATHY LONG:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS. THANK  
2   YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY ON  
3   THIS VERY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT TO BOTH OF OUR COUNTIES.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7   **KATHY LONG:** I'M SORRY, KATHY LONG, COUNTY SUPERVISOR, THIRD  
8   DISTRICT, VENTURA COUNTY.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12   **KATHY LONG:** AND I REPRESENT THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WHICH IS  
13   THE VALLEY IMMEDIATELY DOWNSTREAM FROM THIS PROPOSED PROJECT.  
14   THE BOARD SUBMITTED OUR COMMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD  
15   ON JANUARY 16TH TO THE NOVEMBER 2002 REVISED DRAFT ADDITIONAL  
16   ANALYSIS, AND IN THAT DOCUMENT WE NOTED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES,  
17   OF WHICH I HAVE THREE TO IDENTIFY CONSISTENT WITH THE COURT'S  
18   ORDERS. THE E.I.R. PROCESS IN OUR READ DID NOT FULLY DISCLOSE  
19   -- DID NOT RESULT IN FULL DISCLOSURE. THIS IS CLEARLY BECAUSE  
20   OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED AND THE ISSUES IN THE CASE OF THE SAN  
21   FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER, SPECIFICALLY THE CONFIDENTIALITY  
22   AGREEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICANT THAT OBSTRUCTED PUBLIC  
23   INFORMATION FROM YOUR BOARD, YOUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE  
24   PUBLIC YOU WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT. THIS OBSTRUCTION CLEARLY  
25   HINDERS THE INTENT OF SEQUA AND CALLS INTO QUESTION ALL THE



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1 OTHER WORK OF THE E.I.R. CONSULTANT'S REPORTS. THE ISSUE  
2 BEFORE US IS TRUST AND WHO DO WE TRUST. YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD  
3 TRUST THE WORK OF YOUR PLANNERS, EVEN YOUR OWN BOARD STAFF'S  
4 ANALYSIS. BUT WHEN YOU START WITH LIES AND DECEPTION, WITH  
5 WILLFUL WITHHOLDING OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, HOW CAN YOU EVER  
6 EXPECT THAT WHAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY IS THE TRUTH, IS  
7 ACCURATE, IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW.  
8 PLEASE DON'T DISMISS THIS AS SOMETHING BEING BLOWN OUT OF  
9 PROPORTION BECAUSE TRUST IS JUST WHAT THE LAW IS ALL ABOUT AND  
10 WHAT SEQUA IS ABOUT. REPRESENTATION IS ALL ABOUT WHAT THIS  
11 PROCESS SHOULD BE. THE SECOND ISSUE RELATED TO THE OIL FIELD  
12 SOIL CONTAMINATION THAT HAS JUST BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AGAIN  
13 SIGNIFICANT TO THE DOCUMENT OF 1996 AND THE DRAFT E.I.R. NEVER  
14 DISCLOSED, AND IS THERE A PATTERN HERE THAT SHOULD BE  
15 QUESTIONED BY YOU. DOES THE APPLICANT'S PURPORTED LITIGATION  
16 ACTION RELIEVE YOUR BOARD OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE ALL OF  
17 THE INFORMATION BEFORE YOU TODAY REGARDING THAT SOIL  
18 CONTAMINATION AND ALL THE IMPACTS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED?  
19 ACCORDING TO SEQUA, YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL THAT INFORMATION. AT A  
20 MINIMUM THE SPINE FLOWER AND THE OIL FIELD SOIL REPORT SHOULD  
21 BE REDONE WITH INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS, SEPARATE FROM THE  
22 APPLICANTS, SO YOU CAN MAKE JUDGMENTS BASED ON FACTS, NOT ON  
23 PROMISES. THE MITIGATION PROPOSED FOR THE SPINE FLOWER IS  
24 WHOLLY INADEQUATE, EVEN COMPARED TO OTHER SUCH FINDS AND  
25 MITIGATIONS. AND I REFERENCE A LETTER I SENT TO ALL OF YOU ON





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1 MARCH 6TH THAT NOTED THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE SETTLEMENT  
2 AGREEMENT VERSUS WHAT WAS VOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO PERHAPS OR  
3 AS SHOWN BY THE AHMANSON PROJECT. 64 ACRES SET ASIDE IN A  
4 PRESERVE OF A PROJECT OF THIS SIZE BY NEWHALL. 64 ACRES,  
5 WHEREAS IN THE AHMANSON PROJECT, 330 ACRES OF PRESERVE WERE  
6 SET ASIDE. THIS PROJECT DESTROYED 2.8 MILLION SPINE FLOWERS  
7 AND THE PRESERVE WILL ONLY PROTECT 64 ACRES, WITH NO  
8 COMMITMENT TO STOP FUTURE PRACTICES THAT JEOPARDIZE PLANTS  
9 OUTSIDE OF THE MEASLEY 64-ACRE PRESERVE. WE BELIEVE THE  
10 GRADING OF THE SPINE FLOWER AREA IS IN VIOLATION OF THE  
11 SUPERIOR COURT WRIT OF MANDATE OF AUGUST 1ST 2000, AS AGAIN  
12 NOTED IN OUR SUBMITTAL OF JANUARY 16TH. SO WE'RE ASKING YOU  
13 TODAY TO ADOPT STRONGER MITIGATION MEASURES. THE PROPOSED  
14 MEASURES BEFORE YOU TODAY ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE E.I.R.  
15 OR YOUR SPECIFIC PLAN POLICIES. EITHER ADOPT THOSE, AS  
16 RECOMMENDED IN MY ATTACHMENT TO THE LETTER OF MARCH 6TH, OR  
17 CERTAINLY STRONGER ONES THAN WHAT YOUR STAFF IS RECOMMENDING,  
18 SOMETHING MORE THAN WHAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY, AGAIN IT'S AN  
19 ISSUE OF TRUST. THE THIRD ISSUE, WHICH HAS BEEN KEY IN OUR  
20 LITIGATION, THAT REALLY SENT THIS PROJECT BACK TO THE DRAWING  
21 BOARD IS WATER, WATER, WATER. WHAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY IS  
22 STILL A VERY INADEQUATE PROPOSAL THAT ASSUMES A NEW WATER  
23 SOURCE BUT DOES NOT IMPOSE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE SOURCE OF  
24 THE WATER BE USED OR STORED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROJECT.  
25 SECONDLY, THE MITIGATION MEASURES FOR USE OF AGRICULTURAL



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1 WATER NEEDS TO BE MODIFIED TO IDENTIFY COORDINATION OF USE  
2 WITH DEMAND OF THE SPECIFIC PLAN. AND HOW DO YOU CREDIT THIS  
3 PROJECT AS IT BUILDS OUT? THERE'S NO COMMITMENT MADE AS TO HOW  
4 YOU'RE GOING TO REALLY CONDITION THE CREDIT. THE CONDITION FOR  
5 NO NET INCREASE IN GROUND WATER NEEDS TO BE RE-INSTITUTED.  
6 CURRENT LANGUAGE TO CONSIDER FUTURE WATER SUPPLIES, RATHER  
7 THAN GUARANTEE NO NET INCREASE IN GROUND WATER CONSUMPTION, IS  
8 A SIGNIFICANT WEAKENING OF THE E.I.R. COMMITMENTS. YOU MUST  
9 GIVE US AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS ASSURANCES THROUGH MITIGATIONS,  
10 AGAIN NOT THROUGH BROKEN PROMISES. OTHER SIGNIFICANT WATER  
11 QUALITY ISSUES WERE RAISED BY THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER  
12 QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LETTER OF FEBRUARY 3RD SPECIFIC TO  
13 LOADING OF POLLUTANTS ANALYSIS, BOTH DURING CONSTRUCTION AND  
14 AFTER BUILD-OUT OF THIS PROJECT. ALARMING TO VENTURA COUNTY IS  
15 THE AGENCY'S STATEMENT ON PAGE THREE, AND I QUOTE, "THE  
16 CHLORIDE LOADINGS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT CROP YIELDS AND  
17 ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF AGRICULTURE IN VENTURA COUNTY. OUR  
18 NUMBER-ONE INDUSTRY, A BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY." THE LETTER  
19 GOES ON TO NOTE THAT THE PROJECT DOES NOT PROPOSE ANY SOURCE  
20 REDUCTION MITIGATION MEASURES NOR ADVANCE TREATMENT TO  
21 MITIGATE THE IMPACT. NITRATE IMPACTS TO OUR GROUND WATER FROM  
22 THIS PROJECT ARE NOTED ALSO AS BEING SIGNIFICANT. "THIS IS OUR  
23 DRINKING WATER. THE E.I.R. NOR THE R.D.A.A. ADDRESS THE  
24 IMPAIRMENT NOR PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES." AND LASTLY THE  
25 HOUSING, THE WORKFORCE HOUSING RAISED BY VERY PROMINENT AND



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1    IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, FROM THE CHAMBERS AND  
2    OTHERS. I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THAT AND HAVE HAD A STRONG  
3    POSITION IN OUR COUNTY TO WORK ON THE HOUSING NEEDS AND TO  
4    HAVE WORKFORCE HOUSING. BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE HOUSES BUILT ON  
5    CONTAMINATED SOIL. YOU CAN'T HAVE HOUSES BUILT ON DIRTY, LOW-  
6    QUALITY WATER THAT PEOPLE CAN'T DRINK, YOU CAN'T HAVE HOUSES  
7    BUILT IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S BEEN DESTROYED BY BROKEN  
8    PROMISES. YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO RESTORE THE  
9    PUBLIC'S TRUST AND THE BELIEF IN THE PROCESS AND THE VOICE OF  
10   THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ASKING FOR AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF  
11   THESE OUTSTANDING INITIATIVES, THAT THE ANALYSIS BE THOROUGH,  
12   FORTHRIGHT, HONEST AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU HAVE TAKEN  
13   ACTION TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU DO BUSINESS. TODAY YOU CAN ENACT  
14   YOUR OWN NEW LAW. YOU CAN REQUEST THAT THE BUSINESS BE  
15   CONDUCTED OPENLY AND HONESTLY AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
16   DEMONSTRATE YOUR TRUST OF YOUR OWN LAW. DON'T VOTE TO APPROVE  
17   THIS INADEQUATE, UNTRUTHFUL DOCUMENT. SEND IT BACK, GIVE IT  
18   SOME MORE TIME AND HAVE IT DONE IN THE OPEN PUBLIC PROCESS.  
19   THAT'S TRULY WHAT THE PUBLIC'S ASKING FOR AND I APPRECIATE  
20   AGAIN YOUR GIVING US THE TIME TO SPEAK. [ APPLAUSE ].

21

22   **JOHN FLYNN:** MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS JOHN  
23   FLYNN. I REPRESENT PRIMARILY THE OXNARD AREA ON THE BOARD OF  
24   SUPERVISORS. I HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD FOR 26 YEARS, THIS IS  
25   MY 27TH, AND I'M A NATIVE OF VENTURA COUNTY. SOMETIMES WHEN WE



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1 LOOK AT E.I.R.'S, THEY KIND OF CONTROL US A BIT AND THEY KIND  
2 OF FOCUS THINGS AND WE FORGET ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE. IT SEEMS  
3 TO ME IF THIS PROJECT GOES FORWARD IT IS A THREAT TO THE  
4 ENTIRE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY. IT IS A THREAT TO THIS RICH  
5 AGRICULTURAL AREA, ONE OF THE RICHEST AREAS IN THE UNITED  
6 STATES. THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY IS UNIQUE BECAUSE OF ITS  
7 HISTORIC AND CONTINUING AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE. WHILE MUCH OF  
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S FARMLAND HAS BEEN PAVED OVER DUE TO  
9 INCREASING URBANIZATION, THE VALLEY HAS REMAINED A PRODUCTIVE  
10 AGRICULTURAL AREA, WHERE SMALL COMMUNITIES COEXIST WITH A  
11 STRONG AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION THRIVES  
12 IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY DUE TO ITS MODERATE CLIMATE,  
13 RICH SOILS, MOST ARE DESIGNATED PRIME AND STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE  
14 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ARE SUITABLE FOR  
15 THE PRODUCTION OF A BROAD RANGE OF CROPS. AN ESTIMATED 40% OF  
16 ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN VENTURA COUNTY IS GROWN  
17 IN THE VALLEY, THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY. VENTURA COUNTY RANKS  
18 NUMBER 11 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN GROSS DOLLARS PRODUCED  
19 FROM AGRICULTURE. IT RANKS AHEAD OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THIS  
20 PROJECT IS A THREAT TO THE AGRICULTURAL FUTURE OF VENTURA  
21 COUNTY AND THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY. THE VALLEY IS OFTEN  
22 REFERRED TO AS A CITRUS CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. YOU SEE THE  
23 LEMONS, THE CITRUS, THE AVOCADOS, THE ROW CROPS THAT ARE  
24 SHIPPED OUT OF THAT VALLEY AND YOU WOULD BE STUNNED. I WANT TO  
25 GO THROUGH SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE LISTED THERE. OUR



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1 COUNTY COUNCIL HAS RESPONDED TO THEM, AND SO THE COUNTY OF  
2 VENTURA HAS RESPONDED TO THEM. THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT MAY  
3 CAUSE INCREASED FLOOD HAZARD AND ACCOMPANYING AGRICULTURAL  
4 DAMAGE IN VENTURA COUNTY. WITHIN THE DEVELOPED NEWHALL  
5 PROJECT, WITHIN THE DEVELOPED NEWHALL PROJECT, 80% OF THE  
6 SANTA CLARA RIVER NORTH BANK AND 30% OF THE RIVER'S SOUTH BANK  
7 WILL HAVE ROCK AND CONCRETE RIPRAP LEVIES, WHICH WILL AFFECT  
8 DOWNSTREAM STORM FLOWS. THE INCREASED STORM EVENT RUNOFF AND  
9 CHANNELIZATION OF TRIBUTARIES RESULTS IN HIGHER STORM WATER  
10 VELOCITIES IN THE RIVER AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED SCOURING.  
11 INEVITABLY THESE EFFECTS EQUAL MORE DOWNSTREAM FLOODING IN  
12 VENTURA COUNTY. THESE STORM EVENT FLOODING CONDITIONS WILL BE  
13 INDUCED AND INTENSIFIED BY THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT'S  
14 CHANNELIZATION WITH CONCRETE AND RIPRAP. PERHAPS THE NEWHALL  
15 AND FARMING CORPORATION INTERESTS PLAN AN L.A. RIVER SCENARIO.  
16 ONLY THIS TIME IT WILL BE THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY.  
17 CHANNELIZING PART OF THE RIVER LEADS TO MORE CHANNELIZING  
18 DOWNSTREAM, WHICH IS AN IMPACT FROM THE NEWHALL PROJECT THAT  
19 VENTURA COUNTY MAY FACE IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. TURNING  
20 THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY INTO CONCRETE CHANNELS THREATENS  
21 VENTURA COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. THE NEWHALL LAND AND  
22 FARMING CORPORATION OWNS ANOTHER 15,000 ACRES IN VENTURA  
23 COUNTY, WHICH IS ALREADY REMOVED FROM THE LAND CONSERVATION  
24 ACT. AS FAR AS WE KNOW THE PROJECT'S E.I.R. DOES NOT ADDRESS  
25 THE EFFECTS OF POTENTIAL GROWTH FROM NEWHALL OWNED PROPERTY.



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1 VENTURA COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IS LOOKING AT THE NEXT  
2 10 TO 20 YEARS, YIELDING MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR AGRICULTURAL  
3 PRODUCTION. YOUR E.I.R. PROCESS SHOULD NOT AVOID THE NEWHALL  
4 RANCH PROJECT POTENTIAL IMPACTS UPON THE CONTIGUOUS VENTURA  
5 COUNTY FARMING INTERESTS. THE SOURCE OF WATER QUANTITY AND  
6 QUALITY, THERE'S A LACK OF ASSURED WATER SUPPLY THAT COULD  
7 LEAD TO OVERPUMPING OF THE GROUND WATER. THAT ISSUE STILL  
8 PERSISTS, AND IT WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE PIRU BASIN, THE  
9 FILMORE BASIN AND THE SANTA PAULA BASIN, WHICH FEEDS WATER,  
10 GOOD WATER TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. L.A. AND VENTURA  
11 COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASINS COULD BE COMPLETED DURING DROUGHTS.  
12 LOWERING OF THE WATERTABLE COULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON RIVER  
13 AND UPON AGRICULTURE. IT WILL BE A LOWERING OF THE WATER  
14 QUALITY THAT REACHES VENTURA COUNTY CROPS. CROPS SUCH AS  
15 AVOCADOS ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO WATER QUALITY. THE RESPONSE,  
16 PREVIOUSLY WE IN VENTURA COUNTY COMMENTED ON LACK OF ACCURACY  
17 OF THE APPLICATION OF THE SEAMLESS DATA THAT WAS EXPLAINED  
18 OVER MANY PAGES IN THE ANALYSIS AS IT APPLIES TO AVAILABLE  
19 WATER. THE RESPONSE WAS THAT SEAMLESS DATA WAS USED ONLY AS A  
20 MEANS OF PRO RATING THE IRRIGATION WATER, WHICH IS DETERMINED  
21 TO HAVE BEEN USED BY ELECTRIC METER READINGS. HOWEVER NO  
22 ELECTRIC METER READINGS WERE PROVIDED TO SHOW THE CALIBRATION  
23 OF THE ELECTRIC METERS TO THE TIME PERIOD WHEN THE HISTORIC  
24 WATER USE WAS HAVE TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THE REAL USE OF  
25 AGRICULTURAL WATER MAY BE ONLY ONE-FOURTH OF THAT CLAIMED BY





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1 L.A. COUNTY. 2,300 ACRE FEET AS OPPOSED TO THE CLAIMED 7,000  
2 ACRE FEET. URBAN RUNOFF FOR 70,000 PEOPLE, WHICH WOULD TAKE IN  
3 THE CITIES OF FILMORE, SANTA PAULA, AND CAMBERIO COMBINED AND  
4 OUR COUNTY, AND PIRU, COMBINED FROM THAT OF AN INDUSTRIAL PARK  
5 WILL BE CONSIDERABLE IN ITS AMOUNT AND IN ITS CONTAMINANTS,  
6 WATER BORN MICROORGANISMS, FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, CHEMICALS,  
7 HEAVY METALS, DIOXIDE, PETROLEUM BY PRODUCTS AND OTHER  
8 CONTAMINANTS. UNFORTUNATELY THE MAJORITY OF THE RUN-OFF  
9 CONTAMINATION IS FROM NON-POINT SOURCES AND THERE ARE ALMOST  
10 NO WAYS TO CONTROL THOSE, THEREFORE STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL  
11 REGULATORS, T.M.D.L., TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS WILL FOCUS ON  
12 CONTROLLING THE POINT SOURCES, WHICH WILL BE THE AGRICULTURAL  
13 INDUSTRY. NEWHALL PROJECT PROPONENTS WANT TO TRANSFER AG WATER  
14 TO SATISFY NEW DEMAND BUT THEY WANT TO USE AG LAND WATER THAT  
15 IS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE PROJECT AREA. THERE IS NEVER ANY  
16 GUARANTEE THAT THIS IMPORTED WATER CAN CONTINUE TO BE  
17 SUPPLIED. MEANWHILE THE LARGE INCREASE IN IMPORTED WATER TO  
18 SERVE OVER 21,000 OR MORE DWELLING UNITS WILL CAUSE AN  
19 INCREASE IN BOTH NITRATES AND CHLORIDES. ALTHOUGH THE PROJECT  
20 PROPONENTS WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE  
21 ISSUES, THE L.A. SANITATION DISTRICT, IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING,  
22 DOES NOT WANT TO EVEN DESIGN THE MITIGATION THAT'S NECESSARY.  
23 NOW TO QUOTE SOME OTHERS, AND I'LL CONCLUDE. AS IT WAS  
24 REPORTED IN YOUR FIRST DECISION, REPORTED BY AMY COLLINS AND  
25 ABC NEWS, DESPITE OBJECTIONS, QUOTE, "IT WOULD SIPHON



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1 UNDERGROUND WATER AWAY FROM ITS NEIGHBORS," YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE  
2 VENTURA COUNTY PEOPLE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS SIGNED OFF ON THE LARGEST DEVELOPMENT TO EVER COME  
4 TO THE BOARD IN A SINGLE APPLICATION WITHOUT LISTENING TO ANY  
5 OF OUR TESTIMONY. WE HAD TO GO TO COURT. MICHAEL CORCORIAN  
6 WRITING FROM THE L.A. TIMES JUST RECENTLY, MARCH 23RD, THE  
7 YEAR 2003, DESCRIBED L.A. SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY SAYING  
8 ABOUT THE L.A. RIVER "THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT CAN  
9 SPREAD THE LENGTH OF THE RIVER." IN THE ARTICLE TITLED "PARK  
10 RESTORES SOME NATURE TO THE L.A. RIVER" WHAT CORCORIAN POINTS  
11 OUT IS THAT THE L.A. RIVER NOW HAS A BIKE PATH STARTED ALONG  
12 THE CONCRETE CHANNEL WHICH IS THE L.A. RIVER. THE PARK WILL  
13 INCLUDE AN EXTENSION OF A BIKE PATH THAT WILL ONE DAY RUN THE  
14 51-LENGTH OF THE CONCRETE BOTTOM OF THE L.A. RIVER. OVER THE  
15 NEXT 10 TO 20, 30 YEARS, BIKE PATHS ARE NOT WHAT VENTURA  
16 COUNTY WANTS TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR FARMS IN THAT MULTI-BILLION  
17 DOLLAR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY. [ APPLAUSE ] MADAM CHAIR AND  
18 BOARD MEMBERS, WE APPRECIATE YOU LISTENING TO THESE COMMENTS  
19 TODAY. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE TO PRESERVE THE AGRICULTURAL  
20 AREA IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY. WE WANT TO WORK WITH  
21 YOU. OUR ASSOCIATION HAS NOT BEEN VERY GOOD IN THE LAST FOUR  
22 OR FIVE YEARS, BUT WE WANT TO IMPROVE THAT. WE HOPE THAT YOU  
23 WILL TAKE A NO-VOTE TODAY AND WE WILL BE BACK TO WORK WITH  
24 YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ALLOWED ADDITIONAL TIME  
2    TO YOU, AS SUPERVISORS, THAN WE WILL BE PROVIDING TO OTHER  
3    SPEAKERS. I WANTED TO LET THEM KNOW THAT, WE MADE THIS EXTRA  
4    TIME AVAILABLE TO YOU SO THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO  
5    THOSE ISSUES, AS A COURTESY. I WILL BE ASKING OTHER SPEAKERS  
6    TO LIMIT THEIR TIME AND WE WILL ALSO ASK THAT THERE NOT BE  
7    APPLAUSE AT THE CONCLUSION OF STATEMENTS BECAUSE IT WILL  
8    INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY PROCEEDING OF THE HEARING. SO THANK  
9    YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND WE WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER.  
10   I'D LIKE TO ASK TOM BARRON AND CLARENCE FREEMAN TO COME  
11   FORWARD. LYNNE PLAMBECK, HOW ARE YOU LYNNE?

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13   **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** WELL I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT MR.  
14   ANTONOVICH HAS LEFT THE ROOM BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
15   FOR HIM TO HEAR THIS, SINCE THE PROJECT'S IN HIS AREA.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL HE COMES BACK?  
18   OKAY, TOM BARRON AND CLARENCE FREEMAN. YES WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
19   TO GIVE THREE MINUTES AS A MAXIMUM YES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
20   GIVE A MAXIMUM OF THREE MINUTES TO EVERYONE. I JUST GAVE MORE  
21   TIME TO THE SUPERVISORS SO THEY CAN GO THROUGH ALL THE ISSUES  
22   THAT AFFECT THEIR COUNTY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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24   **TOM BARRON:** MY NAME IS TOM BARRON, I'M A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF  
25   SAUGUS, I LIVE RIGHT NEXT TO THE PROJECT AREA, AND I THANK YOU



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1 MADAM CHAIRMAN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM  
2 11, NEWHALL RANCH. I'M HERE TODAY WITH A GROUP OF MY FELLOW  
3 CITIZENS TO ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE YOU NOT TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE  
4 PROJECT AT THIS TIME. YOU WILL HEAR FROM EXPERT WITNESSES,  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF EVERYDAY  
6 CITIZENS PRESENTING A BROAD RANGE OF ANALYSIS OF THE SPECIFIC  
7 CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT ORDER SET-ASIDE APPROVALS FOR THE  
8 PROJECT. THE TESTIMONY OF THESE EXPERTS SHOULD GIVE YOU AMPLE  
9 REASON TO QUESTION THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO YOU BY THE  
10 REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT DEVELOPED FROM INFORMATION  
11 SUPPLIED BY THE NEWHALL LAND COMPANY. IT HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY  
12 SHOWN RECENTLY THAT THIS APPLICANT HAS APPARENTLY ENDEAVORED  
13 TO DECEIVE THE COUNTY THROUGH SOPHISTICATED AND HIGHLY  
14 QUESTIONABLE MANIPULATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW  
15 PROCESS. AT LAST WEEK'S HEARING YOU VOTED TO EXPLORE  
16 ALTERNATIVES TO THE HERMETICALLY SEALED DISCLOSURE PROCESS  
17 CURRENTLY IN PLACE, AND IN THE WORDS OF SUPERVISOR  
18 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, VALUE, QUOTE, "AN EVEN GREATER ARM'S  
19 LENGTH APPROACH TO THE PREPARATION OF THESE E.I.R. DOCUMENTS."  
20 THE DIRECT AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT ARE THE  
21 FOCUS OF MUCH OF THE TESTIMONY THAT IS BEING PRESENTED,  
22 INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, THAT WILL NEED  
23 TIME AND EFFORTS BY YOUR STAFFS TO REVIEW IN GREATER DETAIL.  
24 FURTHERMORE, SOME OF THE EXPERTS HERE ARE HAVING TO MAKE  
25 CONJECTURES BECAUSE THE RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR ACCESS TO THE



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1 CRITICAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS SEQUESTERED BY THE APPLICANT UNDER  
2 THE OLD RULES FOR E.I.R.'S. HOPEFULLY YOU'LL GET THIS  
3 INFORMATION RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC FOR SCIENTIFIC SCRUTINY  
4 SOON. THERE IS PENDING LEGISLATION, SPECIFICALLY BILL AB 406,  
5 WHICH ALSO WILL BECOME A CRITICAL FACTOR. IN THE COMING MONTHS  
6 YOU WILL ALSO BE SEEING THE PROPOSALS FOR TAJON RANCH AND  
7 STEVENSON RANCH PHASE FIVE, AMONG MANY OTHERS, THESE  
8 GARGANTUAN PROJECTS ARE BACKED BY POWERFUL OUT OF STATE  
9 HOMEBUILDERS WHO WISH TO INVEST HEAVILY IN THE LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY FIFTH DISTRICT AND EXPECT YOU TO IMPARTIALLY INTEGRATE  
11 THEIR PROJECTS WITH THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN. YOU SHOULD NOT  
12 RISK POTENTIAL LITIGATION FOR THE COUNTY FOR UNFAIR BUSINESS  
13 PRACTICES OR A VIOLATION OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE BY  
14 APPEARING TO GIVE THE COUNTY'S CLOSE FRIENDS AT NEWHALL RANCH  
15 UNQUALIFIED APPROVALS USING OBSOLETE METRICS AND PLANNING  
16 CRITERIA. THESE OTHER COMPETITIVE INTERESTS ARE WATCHING YOUR  
17 ACTIONS TODAY CLOSELY, ESPECIALLY WITH YOUR RECENT STAND TO  
18 OPPOSE THE MUCH SMALLER AHMANSON RANCH ON SIMILAR GROUNDS.  
19 CERTAINLY A PROJECT OF THIS SCALE REQUIRES CAREFUL  
20 DELIBERATIONS AND ANALYSIS. IT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECT  
21 YET PROPOSED IN THE STATE, THE LANDOWNER HAS HELD THIS  
22 STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY FOR DECADES. THE  
23 PLAN YOU ARE CONSIDERING WILL TAKE MANY MORE YEARS TO FULLY  
24 REALIZE. TO GIVE APPROVAL NOW IS IMPRUDENT AND UNNECESSARY.  
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **CLARENCE FREEMAN:** MY NAME IS CLARENCE FREEMAN. I'M A  
5 REGISTERED ENGINEER IN CALIFORNIA. I'M 87 YEARS OLD AND I'VE  
6 BEEN AN ENGINEER LONGER THAN MOST PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ALIVE. AND  
7 I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF A LAW, IT'S CALLED THE SEISMIC  
8 HAZARD MAPPING ACT. NOW THE SEISMIC MAPPING ACT -- SEISMIC  
9 HAZARD MAPPING ACT WAS PASSED IN 1991 BECAUSE THE LAW THAT  
10 EXISTED, THE ENQUIST PREOLO LAW, ONLY HAD TO DO WITH SURFACE  
11 FAULTS. AND THIS LEGISLATURE THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT FINDS AND  
12 DECLARES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: THE EFFECTS OF STRONG GROUND  
13 SHAKING, LIQUEFACTION, LANDSLIDES OR OTHER GROUND FAILURE  
14 ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 95% OF ECONOMIC LOSSES CAUSED BY  
15 EARTHQUAKE. AND SO WHAT CALIFORNIA WANTED TO DO TO PROTECT THE  
16 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF CALIFORNIA WAS TO ACTUALLY MAP  
17 THESE AREAS THAT HAD THE POTENTIAL FOR LIQUEFACTION OR  
18 LANDSLIDES. NOW THE QUADRANGLE THAT HOLDS MOST OF THE NEWHALL  
19 LAND PROJECT IS THE VALVERDE QUADRANGLE. AND I'M GOING TO TAKE  
20 IT OUT, I HOPE, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME BEFORE.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, COULD WE ASK DORA  
23 CROUCH TO COME FORWARD?

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1   **CLARENCE FREEMAN:** I HAVE A SET OF THE MAPS THAT COVER THE  
2   NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT AND THE VALVERDE MAP, WHICH JUST CAME  
3   OUT DECEMBER 20TH, 2002, SHOWS THAT HARDLY A SQUARE MILE,  
4   THERE ISN'T A SQUARE MILE, IT'S ONLY ACRES OF THE SITE ARE  
5   EITHER -- THE WHOLE AREA IS SUBJECT TO EITHER LIQUEFACTION OR  
6   EARTHQUAKE-INDUCED LANDSLIDES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE A SET  
7   OF THESE MAPS WITH YOU. AND SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO HAVE  
8   USED THEM IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS PROJECT BECAUSE THE MAJOR  
9   PORTION OF THE AREA WAS RELEASED DECEMBER 20TH, IN 2002, I  
10   BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT, AND I LEAVE  
11   WITH YOU THE THREE MAPS THAT COVERS THE AREA, ONLY THE  
12   VALVERDE IS THE ONE THAT REALLY IS IMPORTANT, AND I LEAVE WITH  
13   YOU A COPY OF THE SEISMIC HAZARD MAPPING ACT, TO READ IT AND  
14   TO SEE HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE PREPARATION OF THE PROJECT IN  
15   THE AREA, THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA, AND THAT SPECIAL  
16   GEOLOGIC STUDIES HAVE TO BE MADE AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE  
17   PROJECT CONNECTS TO THE GROUND IN CALIFORNIA IS MOST  
18   IMPORTANT. I'D LIKE TO LEAVE THIS.

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20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LYNNE WOULD YOU LIKE  
21   TO SPEAK NOW?

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23   **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME WAIT. I WAS CONCERNED  
24   THAT MR. ANTONOVICH YOU WEREN'T HERE AND I APPRECIATE THAT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD PHIL HOF COME FORWARD.

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3    **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS ON  
4    NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND THOSE OF JOAN DUNN, I AM NOT  
5    SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. I HAVE A SUBMITTAL LETTER  
6    FROM THE TWO OF US, SELECTED DIRECTORS OF NEWHALL COUNTY WATER  
7    DISTRICT AND I HAVE FIVE COPIES. I'VE ALREADY SUBMITTED A COPY  
8    FOR THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO SPEAKING, AND I HAVE A COPY FOR  
9    EACH BOARD MEMBER. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO -- WE DECIDED TO WRITE  
10   A LETTER TO YOU AS DIRECTORS TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER THE  
11   FAILURE OF WATER DISTRICTS TO DISCLOSE THE EXTENT OF THE  
12   CONTAMINATION OF AMMONIUM PERCHLORATE IN OUR WATER SUPPLY. TWO  
13   TIMES WE'VE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD TO PLEASE WRITE A LETTER AND  
14   TWO TIMES WE'VE BEEN VOTED DOWN THAT OUR WATER DISTRICT DID  
15   NOT WANT TO DISCLOSE THE PROBLEM TO YOU. I THINK THAT SHOULD  
16   BE OF GREAT CONCERN, THAT WE HAVE A WATER POLLUTION PROBLEM IN  
17   OUR VALLEY, THAT A WATER DISTRICT DOESN'T WANT TO WRITE AND  
18   TELL YOU ABOUT. THE CHARACTERIZATION HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN. THE  
19   CHARACTERIZATION IS GOING TO COST TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS,  
20   THE CLEAN UP IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$80 MILLION AND I KNOW  
21   YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THIS MRS. BURKE BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE  
22   CONTAMINATION PROBLEMS IN YOUR OWN DISTRICT AND YOU WOULD BE  
23   CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OWN CONSTITUENCY IN REGARDS TO  
24   CONTAMINATION, AND PERHAPS THAT'S THE CASE WITH MRS. MOLINA AS  
25   WELL. THE COSTS OF CLEANUP ARE GOING TO BE SUBSTANTIAL IF



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1 THEY'RE POSSIBLE AT ALL. THE E.P.A. HAS JUST RECENTLY LOWERED  
2 THE LEVEL OF AMMONIUM PERCHLORATE, THIS HAS CLOSED FOUR OF OUR  
3 WELLS, WE'VE FOUND ADDITIONAL POLLUTION IN AN ALLUVIAL WELL  
4 JUST THIS YEAR. SO IT'S REALLY IMPACTING OUR WATER SUPPLY AND  
5 OUR PUMPING FROM THAT AQUIFER IS DOWN TO ABOUT 30% OF WHAT'S  
6 NORMAL. AND WHAT I -- THE REASON I BRING THIS TO YOU IS THAT  
7 AS IT MAY TAKE MANY YEARS AND IT MAY TURN OUT THAT THERE'S NOT  
8 A POSSIBLE WAY TO GET THE WATER CLEAN ENOUGH TO DRINK AT ALL  
9 AND YET WE ARE PURCHASING WATER OR A PRIVATE COMPANY IS  
10 PURCHASING WATER AND DIRECTING IT TO NEW DEVELOPMENT WHEN IN  
11 FACT WE MAY NEED TO HAVE THAT WATER SUPPLIED TO THE CURRENT  
12 COMMUNITY TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS OF WELL PRODUCTION. AND WHAT  
13 I WOULD LIKE THIS BOARD TO THINK ABOUT IS THE ISSUE OF WATER  
14 PRIVATIZATION. IF YOU'RE GROWING TO DIRECT NEW WATER TO A  
15 CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE THAT BIG DEVELOPER IS ABLE TO GO  
16 AROUND THE STATE AND FIND WATER FOR HIS SPECIFIC PROJECT,  
17 NUMBER ONE, YOU'RE CREATING A SITUATION THAT'S VERY UNFAIR FOR  
18 OTHER DEVELOPERS THAT CAN'T FIND THE WATER; AND NUMBER TWO, IF  
19 THE EXISTING COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HAVE WATER REPLACED BECAUSE OF  
20 WELL CONTAMINATION, YOU'VE ALREADY DIRECTED IT TO A NEW  
21 BUILDING PROGRAM. AND I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN CARE ABOUT THE  
22 EXISTING COMMUNITY BY DOING THAT. I'D ALSO JUST LIKE TO SAY  
23 THAT I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS HOW WATER PRIVATE  
24 PRIVATIZATION WILL FIT IN WITH THE DEVELOPMENT MONITORING  
25 SYSTEM. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **DORA P. CROUCH:** I AM DORA P. CROUCH, PHD, I'M AN EXPERT IN  
5 ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN HISTORY AND I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS  
6 WHOLE PROCESS FOR MANY YEARS NOW. AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
7 WAS ORIGINALLY PREPARING TO SEND THIS PROJECT ON TO THE BOARD  
8 OF SUPERVISORS, THE PLANNING CHAIRWOMAN DECLARED THAT 59  
9 PEOPLE HAD SPOKEN IN FRONT OF THEM AGAINST THE PLAN. I  
10 CALCULATED THAT EIGHT OF THOSE PEOPLE HAD LAUNDRY LISTS BUT 51  
11 HAD SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FLAWS THAT THEY FOUND IN THIS PLAN.  
12 THERE OUGHT TO BE A COMMON SENSE RULE OF THUMB THAT SAYS THAT  
13 ANY PROJECT WITH 51 FLAWS IS REJECTED OUT OF HAND. AND I'D  
14 LIKE TO POINT OUT TOO THAT IN SPITE OF THEIR CLAIM THAT THE  
15 NEWHALL DOCUMENTS WERE WIDELY CIRCULATED, THIS LATEST SET ONLY  
16 REACHED OUR LIBRARY ONE WEEK AGO, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT  
17 VENTURA COUNTY IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE LITIGATION  
18 AGAINST THIS PROGRAM AND IN SPITE OF MY OWN ACTIVE LONG-TERM  
19 OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN FROM MY HOME IN SANTA PAULA. MY LATEST  
20 BOOK IN PRODUCTION AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, IS A STUDY OF  
21 GEOLOGY AND SETTLEMENT, GRECO-ROMAN PATTERNS AND THEREFORE I'M  
22 VERY INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GEOLOGY AND  
23 SETTLEMENT IN MY OWN AREA. THE LATEST ISSUE OF LINKAGES, THE  
24 PUBLICATION OF "THE INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL HEALTH" ARRIVED  
25 ON MONDAY WITH A VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE ON FLOODS, WHICH



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1 THEY REFER TO A REPORT DONE BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
2 WATER RESOURCES ON MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLOOD  
3 PLAINS, AND THEY GIVE THE ADDRESS FOR THAT AND THAT IS IN A  
4 COPY OF MY REMARKS, WHICH I'M GOING TO TURN IN. FLOODS ARE AN  
5 EVER-PRESENT THREAT TO US AS WELL AS FOR PEOPLE ON THE  
6 MEDITERRANEAN THAT I'VE BEEN STUDYING. BUT WE DON'T SEEM TO  
7 LEARN ABOUT THE DANGER OF FLOODS. THE LAST ONE IN SANTA PAULA  
8 WAS IN 1969 AND ALTHOUGH I LIVE FIVE BLOCKS ABOVE THE SANTA  
9 CLARA RIVER, THE FLOOD REACHED ALL THE WAY TO THE STREET THAT  
10 I LIVE ON. WE ARE CELEBRATING IN SANTA PAULA THE 75TH  
11 ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT FRANCIS DAM COLLAPSE WHICH TOOK MORE  
12 LIVES IN CALIFORNIA THAN ANY OTHER DISASTER EXCEPT THE SAN  
13 FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE. CLARENCE FREEMAN HAS MENTIONED TO YOU  
14 WHAT HE'S LEARNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF MORE COLLAPSE OF DAMS  
15 IN THE SANTA CLARITA MOUNTAINS. AND I'D LIKE TO END BY CALLING  
16 ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR  
17 RESPONSIBILITY. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE WATCHDOG TO  
18 PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND THE LAND UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION. YOU  
19 HAVE THE CHALLENGE NOW OF MORALITY AGAINST EXPEDIENCY. AND I  
20 BEG YOU TO CUT THROUGH THE VERBIAGE AND COME OUT FOR THE TRUE  
21 BENEFIT OF THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND WILL SYDELL STOKES  
24 PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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1   **PHIL HOF:** MY NAME IS PHIL HOF, I'M AN 18-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE  
2   SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. I'M REPRESENTING THE SANTA CLARITA  
3   ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING THE ENVIRONMENT OR SCOPE. I HAVE TWO  
4   SET OF PRESENTATIONS I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IN. TIME BEING  
5   SHORT, I WON'T GO OVER ALL OF THIS FIRST ONE BUT IT TALKS TO  
6   THE ERRONEOUS INCLUSION OF ENTITLEMENTS THAT ARE UNDER LEGAL  
7   CHALLENGE. IT TALKS TO THE INADEQUACY OF ANALYSIS OF THE AG  
8   WATER AND HAS ALSO HAS SOME DATA ON WELL LEVEL REDUCTIONS,  
9   WHICH CONTRADICT INFORMATION IN THE E.I.R. I HAVE ALSO A SET  
10  OF CHARTS, WHICH IS WHAT I WILL PRESENT TO YOU HERE, BUT I  
11  HAVE A HARD COPY FOR EACH OF YOU AND FOR THE RECORD. I'LL BE  
12  QUICK AND GO THROUGH THESE POINTS VERY BRIEFLY RATHER THAN IN  
13  DETAIL BECAUSE I KNOW WE ARE UNDER A TIME CONSTRAINT. WHAT I  
14  LIST HERE ARE EIGHT OR NINE DEFECTS RELATED TO THE WATER  
15  ANALYSIS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. SOME OF THE MOST  
16  GLARING, ALMOST HALF THE WATER THAT'S PROPOSED TO BE USED IS  
17  AGRICULTURAL WATER AND THERE'S NO TESTING DATA ON THAT WATER,  
18  THERE IS NO INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF ITS QUALITY, ITS  
19  AMOUNT, THERE IS NO MENTION AT ALL ABOUT ANY POTENTIAL  
20  CONTAMINANTS THAT MIGHT LEECH FROM THE NEARBY LANDFILL. THERE  
21  IS NO DISCUSSION OF THE POTENTIAL FOR POLLUTION FROM THE OIL-  
22  CONTAMINATED GROUND ABOVE THE WATERSHED, THERE'S NO INCLUSION  
23  OF THE SAN GABRIEL FAULT AND THE ALMOST CARTOONISH DIAGRAM  
24  SHOWING WHAT THE WATER TABLE AND SURROUNDING ROCK LOOK LIKE,  
25  EVEN THOUGH THESE FEATURES, IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO





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1 AFFECT THE FLOW OF GROUNDWATER AND THEREFORE THE WATER BANKING  
2 AND THE GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWALS THAT THEY PROPOSE TO USE ON  
3 THE PROJECT. SOME OF THEM ARE AS BLATANT AS THE E.I.R. ONLY  
4 DESCRIBES THE VALENCIA WATER COMPANY AS AN INVESTOR-OWNED  
5 UTILITY WHEN IN FACT IT'S A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE  
6 APPLICANT. THERE IS NO CHALLENGING OF WHAT IS ONLY SPECULATION  
7 AND TESTING OF PILOT PROGRAMS FOR THE REMOVAL OF PERCHLORATE  
8 BUT WE RELY IN THIS E.I.R. ON A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE  
9 GROUNDWATER INCLUDING THAT WHICH IS PRESENTLY POLLUTED.  
10 THERE'S NO MENTION OF A FIFTH CLOSED WELL, IN FACT THE LACK,  
11 THE ALLEGED LACK OF A FIFTH CLOSED WELL WAS CITED AS EVIDENCE  
12 THAT THE PLUME IS NOT SPREADING SUCH THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE A  
13 THREAT. BUT IN FACT IN LATE NOVEMBER A FIFTH POLLUTED WELL WAS  
14 FOUND. THERE ALSO IS NO DISCUSSION, AS LYNNE SAID, OF THE  
15 EFFECT OF PRIVATIZATION OF WATER SUPPLIES IN DROUGHT YEARS AND  
16 HOW THESE WOULD BE ALLOCATED AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE REST  
17 OF THE BUILD-OUT THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PART OF THE D.M.S.  
18 BUILD-OUT ANALYSIS. WHAT WE'VE GOT IS A PROBLEM SIMILAR TO  
19 THAT WHICH WE FACE UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ANALYSIS THAT  
20 IS FLAWED AND SUSPECT DUE TO THE NOW KNOWN NONDISCLOSURE  
21 AGREEMENT. IT APPEARS IN THIS E.I.R. THAT WE HAVE MULTIPLE  
22 SOURCES TO COLLABORATE THE CLAIMS BEING MADE ABOUT WATER. THE  
23 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, VALENCIA COMPANY DATA, AG WATER  
24 HISTORY, THE UPPER SANTA CLARITA WATER VALLEY COMMITTEE  
25 REPORTS, C.L.W.A. AND A FLOW MODEL, BUT IN FACT EVERY ONE OF



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1 THESE SOURCES DEPENDS ON DATA PROVIDED TO YOU OR TO THEM BY  
2 THE APPLICANT. THEY OWN THIS WATER COMPANY AND THAT WATER  
3 COMPANY'S DATA WAS USED AS THE SOURCE DATA FOR THE WATER ON  
4 THIS PROJECT THAT'S IN THESE REPORTS. SO IN FACT, ALL WE'VE  
5 DONE IS TAKEN THE SAME CLAIMS BY A SUBSIDIARY OF THE  
6 APPLICANT, LAUNDERED THEM THROUGH OTHER AGENCIES AND REPORTS  
7 TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION AND  
8 COLLABORATING INFORMATION. I HAVE A DIAGRAM, BUT I'LL GET TO  
9 MY FINAL COMMENT 'CAUSE I SEE TIME IS UP. IT SHOWS THAT FLOW  
10 OF DATA WHICH PRECLUDES --

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WRAP UP.

13

14 **PHIL HOF:** -- AN EVALUATION. MY POINT IS THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
15 IMPACT REPORT IS FLAWED BY NOT PROVIDING INDEPENDENT  
16 ASSESSMENTS. EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE WEST CREEK PROJECT  
17 APPROVAL WAS SET ASIDE, AND I'LL QUOTE TWO PARAGRAPHS FROM  
18 THAT DECISION. "AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR A HOUSING  
19 DEVELOPMENT MUST CONTAIN A THOROUGH ANALYSIS THAT REASONABLY  
20 INFORMS THE READER OF THE AMOUNT OF WATER VALUABLE. IT IS NOT  
21 ENOUGH FOR THE E.I.R. SIMPLY TO CONTAIN INFORMATION SUBMITTED  
22 BY THE PUBLIC AND EXPERTS. PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND  
23 RESPONSIBLE EXPERTS REQUIRE A GOOD FAITH REASONED ANALYSIS AND  
24 RESPONSE." AND I DON'T THINK YOU'VE BEEN PROVIDED THAT. SO I'M  
25 ASKING THAT YOU REJECT THE E.I.R., REJECT THE PROCESS -- THE



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1 PROJECT, AND REJECT THE PROCESS THAT RESULTS IN THIS KIND OF  
2 DEFECTIVE INFORMATION BEING PUT BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU VERY  
3 MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. WHO'S NEXT? AND WHILE WE'RE WAITING,  
6 JANET BERGAMO. IF JANET WOULD COME FORWARD PLEASE.

7

8 **KRIS OHLENKAMP:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KRIS OHLENKAMP. I  
9 HAVE WRITTEN COMMENTS I'D LIKE DISTRIBUTED AS WELL. I HAVE  
10 BEEN EITHER CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDENT OF THE SAN  
11 FERNANDO VALLEY AUDOBON SOCIETY FOR 24 OF THE LAST 25 YEARS,  
12 AND DURING THAT TIME, I HAVE YET TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF  
13 COMING TO A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. THIS IS THE VERY  
14 FIRST TIME THAT I'VE EVER APPEARED BEFORE YOU TO OPPOSE A  
15 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY  
16 19-TO-NOTHING TO OPPOSE THE NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL  
17 AND THAT IS BASED UPON THE RECENT HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE OF  
18 WORKING WITH THIS DEVELOPER ON THAT PROJECT AREA AND IN THE  
19 VICINITY OF THAT AREA. SPECIFICALLY TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO  
20 ADDRESS TWO OF THE SIX AREAS THAT THE CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR  
21 COURT ORDERED ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OF. THE  
22 FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATIONS AND THE BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF  
23 CHANNELIZATION AND BANK HARDENING. I ASSURE YOU, I DID READ  
24 THE ENTIRE E.I.R. AND THE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, BUT THE  
25 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 2002 REVISED DRAFT STATES,



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1 "KEY HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY  
2 DIFFERENT UNDER THE SPECIFIC PLAN. BASED ON THESE RESULTS, THE  
3 FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPECIFIC PLAN,  
4 SPECIFICALLY BANK PROTECTION AND BRIDGES, WOULD NOT CAUSE  
5 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO KEY HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS AND  
6 THEREFORE WOULD NOT ALTER THE AMOUNT AND PATTERN OF AQUATIC  
7 WETLAND AND RIPARIAN HABITATS IN THE RIVER." WELL, THIS STUDY  
8 ONLY CONSIDERED THE HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PLAN AND  
9 THE INDIRECT IMPACTS OF ANY HYDRAULIC ALTERATIONS. IT GIVES NO  
10 CONSIDERATION TO THE DIRECT CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CHANGES  
11 CAUSED BY BANK PROTECTION AND THE BRIDGES. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN  
12 THERE TO BE SIGNIFICANT ELEVATION RAISES IN P.H. AND  
13 CONCOMITANT REDUCTION IN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY WHEREVER BANK  
14 HARDENING HAS OCCURRED. BANK HARDENING ALSO DIRECTLY IMPACTS  
15 ALL BUREAUING AND GROUND FEEDING SPECIES, OF WHICH THERE ARE  
16 MANY, SOME OF WHICH ARE ENDANGERED IN THE PROJECT AREA. ON THE  
17 S.E.A. GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY AND THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL  
18 RESOURCES IN THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS, THE EXECUTIVE  
19 SUMMARY CONCLUDES, "BASED ON THE INFORMATION PRESENTED, THE  
20 NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN IS COMPATIBLE WITH SENSITIVE  
21 RESOURCES FOUND WITHIN S.E.A." WHILE THE INFORMATION PRESENTED  
22 IS WOEFULLY INCOMPLETE AND NOT BASED ON SCIENTIFICALLY  
23 DEFENSIBLE SURVEY TECHNIQUES. MANY OF THE BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS  
24 ON THIS PROPERTY WERE CONDUCTED SHORTLY AFTER PRESCRIBED  
25 BURNS, DURING THE WRONG TIME OF THE YEAR AND NOT FOLLOWING



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1 DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME GUIDELINES OR WHILE OTHER ACTIVITIES  
2 WERE TAKING PLACE, SUCH AS HAZING, THAT ACTIVELY REDUCED THE  
3 NUMBER OF SOME SENSITIVE SPECIES. EVEN BASED UPON THE  
4 INFORMATION AT HAND, THEY HAD TO REMOVE ADMINISTRATIVELY 530  
5 ACRES FROM THE S.E.A. DESIGNATION IN ORDER JUST TO MAKE THAT  
6 STATEMENT. THAT'S 530 ACRES FOR WHICH THEY OPENLY ADMIT THAT  
7 THE SPECIFIC PLAN IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE L.A. COUNTY  
8 GENERAL PLAN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME, AND WOULD MARIA  
11 GUTZEIT COME FORWARD? YES PLEASE SYDELL STOKES?

12

13 **SYDELL STOKES:** MY NAME IS SYDELL STOKES FROM THE --

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** GET CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE.

16

17 **SYDELL STOKES:** OH OKAY, I'M SORRY. OKAY, MY NAME IS SYDELL  
18 STOKES AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
19 SIERRA CLUB GROUP. AND I JUST WANT TO SPEAK BRIEFLY TO  
20 TRANSPORTATION. WE WOULD DESPERATELY WANT TO CALL YOUR  
21 ATTENTION TO A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, ONE WHICH WOULD  
22 TAKE THE RESIDENTS FROM THE NEWHALL RANCH AREA INTO THE SAN  
23 FERNANDO VALLEY AND ALSO CREATE A CONNECTOR LINK INTO THE  
24 METROLINK. SHOULD WE EVER HAVE ANOTHER QUAKE OR SOME TERRORIST  
25 ACTION ON THE FREEWAYS, TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE PARALYZED, AND



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1 METRO RAIL WOULD BE THE VIABLE ALTERNATIVE LINK. FINALLY, AND  
2 EQUALLY IMPORTANT, TRAFFIC EQUALS POLLUTION TO OUR  
3 ENVIRONMENT. REDUCE IT WITH ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION. THANK  
4 YOU FOR YOUR LISTENING TIME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JANET BERGAMO, AND COULD WE ASK  
7 LINDA LOVE TO COME FORWARD?

8

9 **JANET BERGAMO:** YES I HAVE COPIES -- I HAVE COPIES OF A LETTER.  
10 MY NAME IS JANET BERGAMO, I'M CURRENTLY SERVING AS PRESIDENT  
11 OF THE PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, PIRU IS A SMALL AGRICULTURAL  
12 COMMUNITY THAT IS JUST WEST OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AREA. THE  
13 COMMUNITY OF PIRU HAS GONE ON RECORD SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THE  
14 NEWHALL PROJECT WAS FIRST PROPOSED. WHILE STUDIES AND  
15 SUPPLEMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAVE  
16 BEEN CIRCULATED, NONE HAS TRULY ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS AND  
17 CONCERNS. TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AIR POLLUTION AND DAMAGE TO THE  
18 SANTA CLARA RIVER CORRIDOR COULD NOT BE MITIGATED UNLESS THE  
19 PROJECT WERE ON A SMALLER SCALE, IT DID NOT INTRUDE INTO THE  
20 RIVER BED. OUR GREATEST CONCERN IS WATER. FIRST, AN ADEQUATE  
21 AND TRULY DEPENDABLE SOURCE HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. SECOND,  
22 THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE WATER SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL  
23 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITIES DOWNSTREAM OF THE PROPOSED NEWHALL  
24 RANCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT BE SEVERELY IMPACTED BY THE  
25 PROJECT. FINALLY, THE EXACT EXTENT OF AMMONIUM PERCHLORATE





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1 POLLUTION IN THE SAUGUS AQUIFER AND WESTARD HAS NOT BEEN  
2 DETERMINED. A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NEWHALL LAND AND  
3 UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WOULD MONITOR WELLS AFTER  
4 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE WELLS  
5 ON THE PROPOSED NEWHALL RANCH PROPERTY. WITHOUT THE DEVELOPER  
6 AGREEING TO HAVE ALL WELLS ON AND NEAR NEWHALL PROPERTY TESTED  
7 BEFORE THE PROJECT IS APPROVED, THE POSSIBILITY OF DANGEROUS  
8 POLLUTION SPREADING THROUGH THE GROUNDWATER CANNOT BE IGNORED.  
9 NO COST ESTIMATE HAS BEEN PRESENTED FOR CLEANUP IF PERCHLORATE  
10 IS PRESENT IN GROUNDWATER IN THE PROJECT AREA, NOR HAVE  
11 EFFECTIVE REMEDIES BEEN DEMONSTRATED. PIRU WOULD BE THE  
12 PROJECT'S CLOSEST WESTERN NEIGHBOR AND THEREFORE FIRST IN LINE  
13 FOR ITS DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS. SINCE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE  
14 DEVELOPER CONCERNING ENDANGERED SPECIES APPEARS TO BE  
15 INCOMPLETE, THE BOARD MUST CONSIDER THAT INFORMATION ON WATER  
16 SUPPLY AND QUALITY MIGHT ALSO HAVE GAPS OR INACCURACIES THAT  
17 MUST BE EXAMINED AND EXPLAINED. APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT  
18 WITHOUT ADEQUATE STUDY OF A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING THE  
19 PERCHLORATE PROBLEM COULD BE HAZARDOUS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO  
20 OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE WEST. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IN CLOSING,  
21 FIRST, THAT AS A TEACHER AND HAVING VIEWED SOME BROCHURES FROM  
22 THE NEWHALL PROJECT, I'M SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT MY COLLEAGUES  
23 AND I ARE THE POPULATION TARGETED BY NEWHALL RANCH. TODAY IS  
24 THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HEARD THE WORD "AFFORDABLE" ATTACHED TO  
25 THAT PROJECT. AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT OPPONENTS



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1 OF THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT DO INDEED HAVE A VISION. OUR  
2 VISION IS OF A BALANCE BETWEEN ECONOMIC VITALITY AND  
3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN THE REGION THAT INCLUDES LOS ANGELES  
4 AND VENTURA COUNTIES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE HAVE LARRY  
7 KANNER COME FORWARD?

8

9 **MARIA GUTZEIT:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MARIA GUTZEIT. AND BEFORE I  
10 BEGIN I WAS ASKED TO REQUEST THAT THAT PICTURE BEHIND YOU BE  
11 PUT UP AS THAT'S PART OF OUR GROUP PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE, I THINK THAT THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER  
14 OR NOT --

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16 **MARIA GUTZEIT:** MAYBE IT CAN'T BE PUT UP.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- WE HAD A PROBLEM, THIS SIZE, DO YOU WANT  
19 TO PUT IT SO THE AUDIENCE CAN SEE IT OR?

20

21 **MARIA GUTZEIT:** THAT WAS KIND OF THE IDEA, BUT...

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TRY TO PUT IT ON THIS ONE, DO YOU  
24 WANT TO PUT IT RIGHT HERE OR, IS THAT OKAY?

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1   **MARIA GUTZEIT:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AGAIN, MY NAME IS MARIA  
2   GUTZEIT, I'M A RESIDENT OF NEWHALL, AND I AM THE SANTA CLARITA  
3   COORDINATOR FOR THE L.A. COUNTY BIKE COALITION. I'M HERE TO  
4   RECOMMEND THAT YOU NOT APPROVE THE PROJECT AT THIS TIME  
5   BECAUSE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION IS NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED AND  
6   ALSO BECAUSE THE PROJECT WILL HAVE IMPACTS THAT ARE CONTRARY  
7   TO THE L.A. COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND SANTA CLARITA CITY POLICY.  
8   THE PROJECT DOES PROVIDE FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS, BUT ON OUR  
9   12,000-ACRE RANCH WITH 30 MILES OF ROAD, ONLY ONE SHORT TRAIL  
10   IS CALLED OUT IN THE E.I.R. AS DESIGNATED FOR BIKES, THAT'S  
11   THE RIVER TRAIL. THE PROJECT E.I.R. IN APPENDIX 2 INCORRECTLY  
12   STATES THAT THE SEPARATION OF BIKES FROM ROADS CONTRIBUTES TO  
13   THEIR SAFETY. IN FACT THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS AND  
14   BICYCLING MAGAZINE HAVE BOTH SHOWCASED STATISTICS SHOWING THAT  
15   MIXED USE TRAILS ARE IN FACT LESS SAFE FOR EXPERIENCED  
16   CYCLISTS. TRAILS SUCH AS THE MUCH TOUTED VALENCIA PASEO SYSTEM  
17   ARE INADEQUATE FOR SERIOUS RECREATIONAL OR COMMUTING USE AS  
18   THEY ARE OFTEN GEARED MORE TOWARDS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. ALSO  
19   ON SAFETY AND POLICY CONSISTENCY, THE E.I.R. WAS REQUIRED TO  
20   SHOW CONSISTENCY WITH PLANS AND POLICIES OF THE SURROUNDING  
21   AREA. THE E.I.R. ALSO FEATURES AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF ROADWAYS  
22   THAT ARE SOON TO BE RESTRIPE TO ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC FROM THIS  
23   PROJECT. THIS INCLUDES ROUTE 126, LIONS AVENUE, SAN FERNANDO  
24   ROAD, ORCHARD VILLAGE, SAND CANYON, PLACARITA, AND ON WARD,  
25   MULTIPLE ROADS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND VENTURA COUNTY



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1 WILL BE RESTRIPE TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRAFFIC FROM THIS  
2 PROJECT. THAT WILL BE UNSAFE AND CONTRARY TO GENERAL PLANNED  
3 POLICY NUMBER 2.27 WHICH HAS A GOAL OF PROVIDING FACILITIES  
4 THAT WILL IMPROVE THE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND DEPENDABILITY OF  
5 ALL TRANSPORTATION MODES. ALSO, THE E.I.R. DID NOT CONSIDER  
6 SANTA CLARITA CITY ORDINANCE 92-102, OF WHICH I HAVE A COPY IF  
7 YOU NEED IT, WHICH STATES THAT THE CITY HAS A COMMITMENT TO  
8 VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT BICYCLE USE, BOTH ON AND OFF ROAD BIKE  
9 WAYS. IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT IN THIS AGE OF EVER-  
10 INCREASING TRAFFIC AND WOEFUL PUBLIC FITNESS, PROJECTS MUST  
11 ADDRESS BICYCLES AS TRANSPORTATION, WHICH IS ALSO CONSISTENT  
12 WITH THE EXISTING POLICY. BICYCLES SHOULD NOT BE FORCED ON TO  
13 INCIDENTAL TOKEN TRAILS. DO NOT APPROVE THIS PROJECT UNTIL THE  
14 NEGATIVE IMPACTS ARE ADDRESSED PROPERLY. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LINDA LOVE AND THEN  
17 COULD WE ASK JOANNE LEAVITT TO COME FORWARD?

18

19 **LINDA LOVE:** HELLO GOOD MORNING, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS  
20 LINDA LOVE AND I'M HERE I'M REPRESENTING THE FOREST  
21 PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ALSO AS A  
22 PRIVATE CITIZEN OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR 22 YEARS. AND  
23 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT FOR THESE  
24 STATED REASONS. DEVELOPERS MAY USE THE NATIONAL FOREST LAND AS  
25 OPEN SPACE, BUT THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FOR OR MITIGATE



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1 THE IMPACTS ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS HELD IN PRESERVATION FOR  
2 ALL AMERICANS AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TOO. AMONG THESE  
3 IMPACTS ARE LIGHT POLLUTION, AIR POLLUTION, INCREASED TRAFFIC  
4 AS COMMUTERS USE ROADS GOING THROUGH FOREST LANDS, WIND BLOWN,  
5 NON-NATIVE SEEDS MIGRATING INTO THE FOREST AND WREAKING HAVOC  
6 WITH THE ECOSYSTEM, RESULTING DISTURBANCES OF WILDLIFE TO  
7 WILDLIFE PATTERNS AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE DEPLETION OF  
8 WATER RESOURCES IN THE FOREST. THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT WOULD  
9 ONLY ADD A TREMENDOUS BURDEN TO AN ALREADY OVERBURDENED  
10 COMMUNITY AND A STRAINED ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SYSTEM. HUMAN  
11 BEINGS CAN MANIPULATE THE ENVIRONMENT TO SOME DEGREE BUT  
12 CANNOT ULTIMATELY CONTROL IT. WATER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS  
13 AN ELUSIVE AND UNPREDICTABLE ELEMENT. TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE  
14 WATER SUPPLY FOR SUCH A LARGE AND EXPANDING COMMUNITY OVER A  
15 LONG PERIOD OF TIME IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. OUR ENVIRONMENT  
16 IS THERE NOT ONLY TO SUSTAIN HUMAN BEINGS, BUT TO SUPPORT THE  
17 BIODIVERSITY OF THIS PLANET OF WHICH HUMANS ARE ONLY A SMALL  
18 PART. A COMMUNITY MUST BALANCE ITSELF WITHIN THE WHOLE  
19 SPECTRUM OF BIODIVERSITY OR IT LOSES A PART OF ITSELF. WHAT IS  
20 UP COMES DOWN. IN OTHER WORDS, THE WATER COMING FROM THE  
21 ANGELES FOREST FINDS ITS WAY INTO THE SAUGUS AQUIFER AND THE  
22 GREAT DEMANDS AND UNPREDICTABLE DEMANDS, FUTURE DEMANDS PLACED  
23 ON THE AQUIFER BY A BURGEONING POPULATION IS IMPOVERISHING THE  
24 FOREST AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WITNESS MANY OAK TREES THAT  
25 ARE DYING IN GREEN VALLEY AND OTHER SURROUNDING AREAS ADJACENT



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1 TO SANTA CLARITA. A RAPID AND PLUMMETING WATER TABLE WILL  
2 LEAVE AN OAK TREE LITERALLY HIGH AND DRY, THAT ALSO GOES FOR  
3 CEDAR TREES VERY SENSITIVE TO WATER TABLE AS THE AQUIFER IS  
4 BEING MORE AND MORE PUMPED DOWN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU  
5 NOT TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT AND TO URGE DEVELOPERS TO MITIGATE  
6 AND PAY FOR IMPACTS THAT THEY ARE PROJECTING ON TO THE  
7 NATIONAL FOREST LANDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD MARILYN STOUT PLEASE COME  
10 FORWARD? LARRY KANNER?

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12 **LARRY KANNER:** HI I'M LARRY KANNER. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
13 DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE FOR ACTION, WHICH IS A DEMOCRATIC CLUB  
14 BASED IN SANTA CLARITA, WHERE I'M ALSO A VOLUNTEER BILLETSON  
15 TO A COUPLE OF THE NATURE CENTERS. SO I'VE HIKE IN THE AREA A  
16 LOT AND I JUST HATE TO SEE SO MUCH OF IT BEING DESTROYED SO  
17 FAST. AS FAR AS THE DEMOCRATS GO, WE GOT THE LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO LISTEN TO MOST OF THE FACTS BEING  
19 PRESENTED TONIGHT, WHICH IS MORE THAN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
20 APPEARS TO DO SOMETIMES, BUT ANYWAY, IN '91 THE LOS ANGELES  
21 COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAME OUT WITH A RESOLUTION OPPOSING  
22 THE DEVELOPMENT, A LITTLE BIT OF IT, AND SAY WHEREAS  
23 DEVELOPMENT WOULD OCCUR IN THE FLOODPLAINS, SEVERELY IMPACTING  
24 AGRICULTURE IN THE VENTURA COUNTY CAUSING SIGNIFICANT AIR  
25 POLLUTION AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL





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1 HABITAT AND WATERSHED OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, AND WHEREAS  
2 THERE ARE ALREADY APPROXIMATELY 40,000 HOMES APPROVED BUT  
3 UNBUILT IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY THAT WILL PROVIDE HOMES  
4 AND CONSTRUCTION JOBS INTO THE YEAR 2025 AT THE CURRENT RATE  
5 OF SALES, AND THERE IS NOT AN IDENTIFIED WATER SOURCE TO SERVE  
6 THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE SPREAD OF A AMMONIUM  
7 PERCHLORATE POLLUTION IN THE SAUGUS AQUIFER. NOW THEREFORE BE  
8 IT RESOLVED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN  
9 AN EFFORT TO CONSERVE PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND, REDUCE AIR  
10 POLLUTION AND URBAN SPRAWL IN THE LOS ANGELES BASINS AND TO  
11 ENSURE AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY FOR ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE  
12 RESIDENT, REAFFIRMS OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, AND THAT'S JOANNE  
15 LEAVITT.

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17 **JOANNE LEAVITT:** OKAY MY NAME IS JOANNE LEAVITT, I'M PRESIDENT  
18 OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND JOHN QUIGLEY, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
21 FORWARD.

22

23 **JOANNE LEAVITT:** THE LEAGUE IS SPEAKING ONCE AGAIN IN  
24 OPPOSITION TO THE APPROVAL OF THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT. WE  
25 BELIEVE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HAS NOT BEEN



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1 RESPONSIVE TO STRONG PUBLIC OBJECTIONS TO THIS PLAN TO BUILD  
2 21,600 HOMES FOR APPROXIMATELY 70,000 PEOPLE IN ONE OF THE  
3 LAST REMAINING AGRICULTURAL AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OVER  
4 THE PAST SIX YEARS, WE HAVE JOINED HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS WHO  
5 SPOKE AT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HEARINGS BEFORE YOU AND  
6 BEFORE THE COMMISSION. LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
7 NEGATIVE EFFECT NEWHALL RANCH WOULD HAVE ON OUR ENVIRONMENT,  
8 OUR WATER SUPPLY, AIR QUALITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND OUR  
9 INFRASTRUCTURE. WE OPPOSE ZONING CHANGES THAT WOULD PERMIT THE  
10 BUILDING OF THIS MASSIVE PROJECT OVER A 25 TO 30-YEAR PERIOD.  
11 IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU CONSIDER IMMEDIATELY THE IMPACT OF  
12 THIS BIGGEST OF ALL SUBDIVISIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
13 HISTORY. THIS IS A VITAL QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE FOR ALL COUNTY  
14 RESIDENTS. IT IS ALSO YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A SMART  
15 GROWTH POLICY THAT WILL PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT. IN YOUR  
16 POLICY-MAKING ROLE THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS URGES YOU TO  
17 CONSIDER THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF OUR REGION WHEN MAKING  
18 DECISIONS ABOUT HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ENSURE THAT  
19 COMMUNITIES ARE SUSTAINABLE OVER THE LONG-TERM, WITHOUT DAMAGE  
20 TO THE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS A CHALLENGE TO DEVELOP A LONG-RANGE  
21 PLAN THAT WILL BALANCE THE NEED FOR OPEN SPACE, NEW HOUSING  
22 UNITS NEAR JOB CENTERS, AND IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT, BUT IT'S A  
23 CHALLENGE THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE. IN OUR RECENT COUNTY COURT  
24 EXPERIENCE WITH THE NEWHALL RANCH E.I.R. SHOWS THAT NEED FOR  
25 LEGAL CHANGES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE



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1   LEGISLATURE. A SEPARATE BILL 406 WOULD PROHIBIT THE DEVELOPER  
2   FROM SELECTING THE E.I.R. PROJECT CONSULTANTS AS HE'S ALLOWED  
3   TO DO NOW IN L.A. COUNTY, IT WOULD ALSO PROHIBIT  
4   CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSES IN THE CONTRACT WHICH PERMIT COVER-  
5   UPS, SUCH AS THIS SPINE FLOWER PRESENCE, WITHOUT THESE  
6   CHANGES, THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT WILL BECOME  
7   USELESS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEEDS TO BE AS CONCERNED ABOUT  
8   NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPMENT ON VENTURA  
9   COUNTY AS WE ARE ABOUT THE PROPOSED AHMANSON 3,050 HOME  
10   SUBDIVISION ON OUR COUNTY LINE. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR  
11   REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS ONLY BEGINNING WITH THE COMPASS  
12   PROJECT THAT S.K.A.G. IS STARTING. RAMPANT DEVELOPMENT IS A  
13   VITAL CONCERN THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED THOUGHTFULLY BY  
14   GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS AND BY ITS CITIZENS. WE URGE YOU TO  
15   START NOW BY SAYING "NO" TO NEWHALL RANCH.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
18   NAME?

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20   **MARILYN STOUT:** MY NAME IS MARILYN STOUT. I'M AN INDEPENDENT  
21   JOURNALIST EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. WHAT WE  
22   SHOULD DO IS CUT THIS COUNTY IN HALF, OR AT LEAST DIVIDE IT SO  
23   THAT THE POPULOUS PART IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ALL THE REST  
24   SHOULD REMAIN OPEN SPACE AND WILDERNESS AREA, THERE SHOULD BE  
25   NO DEVELOPMENT IN THAT. THIS STATE HAS 50 CONGRESS PERSONS.



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1 OTHER STATES HAVE ONE, THAT'S ONE INDICATION THAT THIS PART OF  
2 THE -- THAT CALIFORNIA IS OVERPOPULATED. A CAUSE FOR THIS OVER  
3 POPULATION IS MAMMOTH CORRUPTION IN WHICH THE HOMEOWNERS  
4 SUBSIDIZE -- THE HOMEOWNERS IN THE POPULOUS AREAS SUBSIDIZE  
5 THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTBACK. A JUDGE IN BAKERSFIELD SAID  
6 THERE ISN'T ENOUGH WATER FOR THE NEWHALL RANCH, AND THAT  
7 STANDS. THAT IS STILL TRUE. I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT, IN  
8 ALL THE YEARS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT LAND PLANNING,  
9 THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AWARE OF THE OUTSTANDING WORK DONE BY  
10 PROFESSORS OF ECONOMICS AT U.C.L.A. AND BERKLEY, AND THE RAND  
11 CORPORATION. YOU HAVE NOT READ WATER SUPPLY ECONOMICS  
12 TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY. YOU HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN ACQUAINTED WITH  
13 THE AUTHORS WHO LIVE IN PACIFIC PALISADES. I THINK THAT I'M  
14 GOING TO SUGGEST THAT YOU READ A PAPER THAT I'M PRESENTING AND  
15 THEN AFTER YOU'VE DONE THAT, YOU COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE  
16 AUTHORS OF THESE BOOKS BY E-MAIL AND IN PERSON. I HAVE FIVE  
17 COPIES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THINK WE NEED MUCH  
18 BETTER PLANNING.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JOHN STEFFEN AND JOHN  
21 QUIGLEY, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ARE YOU JOHN STEFFEN?

22  
23 **JOHN QUIGLEY:** NO, I'M JOHN QUIGLEY.



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JOHN QUIGLEY, ALL RIGHT, PLEASE STATE YOUR  
2    NAME, AND THEN SALLY WAYMER.

3

4    **JOHN QUIGLEY:** MY NAME IS JOHN QUIGLEY, I'M AN EDUCATOR, I'VE  
5    LIVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EVERY COMMUNITY REACHES A POINT  
6    IN ITS DEVELOPMENT WHERE THERE'S A SEA CHANGE, WHERE THE  
7    LIMITS OF A CERTAIN VIEW, A CERTAIN VIEWPOINT ABOUT HOW TO  
8    GROW CHANGE AND I THINK WE'RE AT THAT POINT. THE LAST GREAT  
9    AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND OPEN SPACE IN LOS ANGELES  
10   COUNTY ARE IN DISTRICT 5, WHICH IS EXACTLY THE AREA WHERE  
11   NEWHALL RANCH IS PROPOSED, AND WHAT I'M HERE TO RECOMMEND IS  
12   THAT YOU NOT APPROVE IT TODAY, THAT YOU TAKE IT BACK AND YOU  
13   REQUIRE A SUPPLEMENTAL E.I.R. THAT INCORPORATE -- INCORPORATES  
14   THE NEW REGULATIONS WHICH YOU APPROVED LAST WEEK THAT YOU MADE  
15   A MOTION TO -- AND I THINK WHAT THAT SPEAKS TO, AS MANY OF  
16   THESE OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE MENTIONED, IS THAT THE PLANNING  
17   PROCESS RIGHT NOW IS NOT WORKING TO THE LEVEL THAT L.A. COUNTY  
18   DESERVES, AND I WANT TO FOCUS ON A SPECIFIC THAT RELATED TO MY  
19   SITUATION AT OLD GLORY, OAK TREE, SO-CALLED OAK TREE NUMBER  
20   419 IN PICO CANYON. AND THAT ALSO CAME UP TODAY VERY SIMILAR  
21   WITH THE GENTLEMAN OVER HERE, THE COUNTY'S BIOLOGIST, AND THAT  
22   IS, TOO OFTEN WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT A UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL AREA,  
23   YOU KNOW, A MAGNIFICENT 400-YEAR-OLD OAK TREE, IN THE CASE OF  
24   OLD GLORY, OR THE ENDANGERED SPINE FLOWER, COMES INTO A  
25   SITUATION WHERE SAY THIS 64 ACRES THAT IS BEING PROPOSED FOR



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1 THIS PRESERVE IS PITTED AGAINST A FUTURE HIGHWAY AND THERE ARE  
2 NO GUARANTEES IN TERMS OF WHETHER THAT HIGHWAY IS GOING TO  
3 IMPINGE ON WHETHER IT'S THE PRESERVE ITSELF OR THE BUFFER  
4 AREA. SO WHAT IT DOES IS LEAVING IT TO THE CURRENT PLANNING  
5 PROCESS TO INTERPRETATION DOWN THE ROAD, IS IT CREATES AN  
6 INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SOME OF OUR LAST NATURAL  
7 HERITAGE AREAS, VERY RARE AREAS IN OUR COUNTY, AND THE ISSUE  
8 OF PUBLIC SAFETY. NOW AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, I DON'T WANT YOU TO  
9 BE IN THAT POSITION WHERE YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TWO  
10 OF THEM, AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW, AND THIS  
11 IS EXACTLY THE SITUATION THAT OCCURRED AT OLD GLORY FOR THE  
12 ROAD WIDENING WHICH IS BEING DRIVEN BY THIS NEWHALL RANCH  
13 DEVELOPMENT, WHERE WE'VE REACHED A POINT WHERE PEOPLE WANTED  
14 THE TREE SAVED AND THERE WAS THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
15 THEY WERE IN CONFLICT BECAUSE THE PLANNING PROCESS HAD FAILED.  
16 AND NOW IS A MOMENT THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO TAKE A STEP BACK  
17 RATHER THAN RUSHING THIS THROUGH AND USE PRUDENCE AND RE-LOOK  
18 AT THE E.I.R., CLEARLY TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY ARE THE ISSUE  
19 HERE, AND THE HEADLINES THAT HAVE BEEN COMING OUT ABOUT WHAT'S  
20 HAPPENED WITH THE SPINE FLOWER ALREADY AND SOME OF THE COVER-  
21 UPS AND THE MISINFORMATION. THE PUBLIC DESERVES SOME TIME TO  
22 REALLY CLEAN UP THIS PLANNING PROCESS. SO I URGE YOU TODAY TO,  
23 RATHER THAN RUSH THIS THROUGH, TAKE A STEP BACK AND LET'S FIX  
24 THE PLANNING PROCESS SO THAT IN THE FUTURE, WE'RE NOT FORCED





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1 TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AND OUR NATURAL HERITAGE AND  
2 OUR BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD JOHN BUSE COME FORWARD  
5 ALSO? MR. STEFFEN?

6

7 **JOHN STEFFEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND FELLOW BOARD  
8 MEMBERS, ET AL.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

11

12 **JOHN STEFFEN:** ON THE FIRST OF MARCH OF THIS YEAR, THE LOS  
13 ANGELES TIMES RAN SEVERAL FINE ARTICLES REGARDING WATER FROM  
14 NEWHALL RANCH, A MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
15 VALLEY. DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND AVAILABILITY OF  
16 WATER, OR LACK OF SAME, THE CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT HAS  
17 ORDERED A WRIT OF MANDATE AND JUDGMENT. THIS JUDGMENT ADDED --  
18 ORDERED THE COUNTY TO PARTIALLY SET ASIDE CERTAIN PROJECT  
19 APPROVALS WHICH THE COUNTY MADE DURING FIVE PREVIOUS HEARINGS.  
20 THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REFERRED TO THE WATER APPROVED FOR THIS  
21 PROJECT AS PAPER WATER. THIS SPEAKER AGREES WITH THAT  
22 NOMENCLATURE AND FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT THE WATER BE CALLED  
23 IMAGINATIVE WATER. I'D LIKE TO DEVIATE FOR A SECOND TO SAY  
24 THAT SOME OF THIS WATER, FOR THE NEXT 35 YEARS, ACCORDING TO  
25 PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, WILL COME FROM CENTRAL CALIFORNIA. THAT IS



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1 IF WE DON'T HAVE AN EARTHQUAKE. THE 1990 -- OUR '91 EARTHQUAKE  
2 CAUSED THE STATE WATER PROJECT TO CEASE IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
3 VALLEY FOR OVER TWO YEARS. NOW HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET WATER  
4 FROM THERE WITH ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE? WHAT HAS BEEN KNOWN AS  
5 REAL WATER IS IN REALITY WATER ENTITLEMENTS. THIS IS A  
6 THEORETICAL VALUE OF WATER THAT HAS NEVER BEEN PRODUCED NOR  
7 WILL IT BE PRODUCED IN THE FEASIBLE FUTURE. ALSO, THE  
8 TRANSPORTATION OF STATE WATER TO THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT IS  
9 LACKING UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. RECENTLY, THE MANDATORY  
10 STATE LAWS OF CALIFORNIA PASSED TWO LAWS: SB-610 AND SB-221,  
11 WHICH MANDATED THE PROVEN MANDATED THE -- THE VOLUME OF WATER  
12 THAT IS AVAILABLE. UNDER THE PRESENT CONDITIONS, THIS IS  
13 IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH NOW OR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.  
14 THIS IS AN UNACCEPTABLE PROJECT AND SHOULD BE REJECTED. I'D  
15 LIKE TO MENTION A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT'S STATED BY THE  
16 INITIAL SPEAKERS, BUZZWORDS. AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR NURSES,  
17 SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, AND POLICEMEN. WELL, LADIES, YOU HEARD IT  
18 HERE. INPUT FROM NEIGHBORS. I KNOW OF NO NEIGHBOR THAT HAS  
19 GIVEN INPUT. AND WELL PLANNED COMMUNITY, I'M SURE YOU ALL HAVE  
20 HEARD ABOUT THE BOUQUET CANYON CREEK THAT NEWHALL LAND AND  
21 FARMING CONCRETED WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT. THAT'S A WELL-  
22 PLANNED COMMUNITY BY A REALLY GOOD DEVELOPER.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME AGAIN?

25



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1    **JOHN STEFFEN:** MY NAME IS JOHN STEFFEN.

2

3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5    **JOHN STEFFEN:** AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA.

6

7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

8

9    **JOHN STEFFEN:** THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD RON BOTTORFF PLEASE COME FORWARD?

12   YES, SIR WILL YOU STATE YOUR NAME. WELL, I THINK YOU'RE NEXT,

13   SALLY WAYMER, YOU'VE BEEN -- WE'VE PASSED YOU OVER ONCE

14   ALREADY.

15

16   **SALLY WAYMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS SALLY HAMPTON

17   WAYMER AND I HAVE MANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEWHALL RANCH

18   DEVELOPMENT. I'VE LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES

19   COUNTY AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE UNITED HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

20   NOW FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND I'VE ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE

21   LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING THEIR

22   CONCERNS AS WELL VIA PER GERALDINE WASHINGTON'S REQUEST. MY

23   QUESTION TO THE BORED IS VERY SIMPLE: HOW CAN WE MOVE AHEAD

24   WITH THE PROJECT WHEN THE VALIDITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

25   REPORTS ARE IN QUESTION BECAUSE THE DEVELOPERS FORCED THE



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1 CONSULTANTS TO SIGN CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS. AS A RESULT OF  
2 THESE AGREEMENTS, EVIDENCE SHOWING THE DESTRUCTION OF AN  
3 ENDANGERED PLANT HABITAT WAS FRAUDULENTLY SUPPRESSED. WHAT  
4 ELSE HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED? INFORMATION ABOUT THE WATER TABLE?  
5 TRAFFIC IMPACTS? ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS? I ALSO HAVE A LETTER  
6 HERE FROM THE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION REGARDING  
7 THEIR CONCERNS WITH THE ARCHAEOLOGY REPORTS. AND SUBSEQUENT  
8 MAP RELEASES THAT SHOW ADDITIONAL GEOLOGICAL UNDECLARED  
9 HAZARDS AND MAJOR FAULT LINE IN THIS AREA THAT COULD RESULT IN  
10 A 7--POINT EARTHQUAKE. THESE ISSUES SHOW A GLARING FAILURE IN  
11 PROPER PLANNING. A PROPER E.I.R. UNCOMPROMISED HAS NOT BEEN  
12 DONE IN THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT NEW  
13 E.I.R.'S BE DONE BEFORE ANY APPROVAL IS RENDERED AND NOT TO DO  
14 SO WOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO ENABLE THE MOST IRRESPONSIBLE AND  
15 CARELESS TYPE OF GROWTH IMAGINABLE. AND DUE TO THE FACT THAT  
16 NEWHALL LAND AND FARM IS THE NUMBER ONE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTOR  
17 TO THE SUPERVISORS OF THE FIFTH AND SECONDS DISTRICTS,  
18 REPORTED TO BE OVER 70,000 AND 33,000 RESPECTIVELY PER THE  
19 L.A. TIMES, I SEE A HUGE PROBLEM WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
20 AND WOULD ASK THESE SUPERVISORS TO VOLUNTARILY RECUSE  
21 THEMSELVES FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SALLY WAYMER:** THIS CHINATOWN MENTALITY HAS TO STOP BECAUSE OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CAN NO LONGER SUSTAIN SPRAWL AND  
25 IRRESPONSIBLE GROWTH THAT ONLY BENEFITS THE DEVELOPERS. PLEASE



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1 DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY AND OUR FUTURE AND ABSTAIN  
2 UNTIL NEW REPORTS ARE COMPLETED OR VOTE "NO" ON THIS PROJECT.  
3 AND THE CONCERNS OF THE N.A.A.C.P. AND THE UNITED HOMEOWNERS  
4 ASSOCIATION IN MY DISTRICT ARE VERY -- THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT  
5 THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THE PROPOSED NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPMENT  
6 WILL HAVE UPON THE EXISTING COMMUNITIES. THE COUNTY MUST TAKE  
7 INTO ACCOUNT THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, NOT  
8 THOSE OF THE DEVELOPER'S. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CLAIMS  
9 THEIR TOP PRIORITY IS THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT  
10 HOSPITALS MOST LIKELY TO BE CLOSED ARE ONES DOWNTOWN, AND  
11 DIVERTING MORE FUNDS AND ATTENTION AWAY FROM THESE CORE AREAS  
12 FOR THE PURPOSES OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN NEWHALL WILL EXASPERATE  
13 THIS PROBLEM. AND LET ME QUOTE FROM SPRAWL WATCHERS REPORTING  
14 THE ECONOMY, "BESIDE DAMAGING THE ENVIRONMENT AND EXASPERATING  
15 SOCIAL AND RACIAL SEGREGATION, A GROWING BODY OF RESEARCH  
16 RECOGNIZES THE HUGE SUBSIDIES REQUIRED IN ECONOMIC AT THE  
17 INEFFICIENCY OF SPRAWL." A NUMBER OF AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS  
18 ARE BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THAT SPRAWL CAN RAISE THE COST OF  
19 DOING BUSINESS AND REDUCE LONG-TERM PROFITABILITY AS LONG AS  
20 OTHER STUDIES DONE BY BANK OF AMERICA THAT CLEARLY SHOW HOW  
21 SPRAWL DEVELOPMENT IS BAD ECONOMICS, AND JUST LOOK AT THE  
22 VIBRANT AREAS AROUND CENTRAL AVENUE AND DUNBAR HOTEL THAT HAVE  
23 DECLINED TO DECAY FROM YEARS OF NEGLECT BECAUSE OF PLANNING  
24 BASED ON MORE ROADS THAT CATER TO THE AUTOMOBILE, OIL



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1 COMPANIES AND INSPIRED WHITE FLIGHT TO THE SUBURBS, WE DO NOT  
2 NEED ANOTHER NEWHALL DEVELOPMENT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
5 WOULD DAVE ALTENBURG PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES. WOULD YOU STATE  
6 YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

7

8 **JOHN BUSE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS JOHN BUSE. I'M  
9 THE STAFF ATTORNEY AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER IN  
10 VENTURA. I'M REPRESENTING THE THREE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THAT  
11 CHALLENGED THE PROJECT IN 1999, THE SIERRA CLUB, FRIENDS OF  
12 THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND SCOPE. AS AN ASIDE I ALSO REPRESENT  
13 A DIFFERENT SET OF GROUPS IN LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE  
14 AHMANSON RANCH PROJECT AND WE'RE CERTAINLY GLAD THAT YOU'RE ON  
15 THE RIGHT SIDE OF THAT ISSUE THOUGH. FRANKLY IT CAN BE HARD TO  
16 SQUARE THAT OPPOSITION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NEWHALL RANCH  
17 PROJECT WHICH PRESENTS A REMARKABLY SIMILAR SET OF ISSUES.  
18 THERE ARE DIFFERENCES, I MIGHT ADD, NEWHALL RANCH IS  
19 APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TIMES LARGER THAN AHMANSON RANCH AND WILL  
20 DISRUPT A LARGER PART OF ITS WATERSHED. IF NEWHALL RANCH WERE  
21 UPSTREAM OF MALIBU RATHER THAN OXNARD, I JUST SUGGEST THAT  
22 PERSPECTIVES MIGHT CHANGE. I WON'T SAY ANYTHING MORE ABOUT  
23 AHMANSON RANCH, THIS IS ABOUT NEWHALL RANCH. MANY COMMENTS  
24 HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED THE FLAWS IN THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL  
25 REVIEW PROCESS THAT WE BELIEVE HAVE ATTRIBUTED TO THE





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1 NONDISCLOSURE OR TARDY DISCLOSURE OF IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL  
2 EFFECTS. APPROPRIATELY, THE COUNTY IS NOW CONSIDERING  
3 ADDRESSING THESE FLAWS IN FUTURE REVIEWS, BUT THE  
4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BE FIXED INDICATES  
5 THAT THE PROCESS FOR THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN FLAWED, SOMETHING  
6 THAT WE HAVE POINTED OUT SINCE 1996. IN ABOUT THE THREE YEARS  
7 SINCE THE COURT'S DECISION IN THIS CASE I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT  
8 THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO ATTEMPT TO CONFER WITH MY CLIENTS  
9 TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS, TO SHAPE THE DIRECTION OF THE  
10 ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS AND TO AVERT FUTURE LITIGATION. THE OBTUSE  
11 AND BASICALLY NONRESPONSES TO COMMENTS CERTAINLY DID NOT  
12 PERMIT ANY MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN MY CLIENTS AND THE  
13 COUNTY ABOUT THE PROJECT AND ITS IMPACTS IN THE ADDITIONAL  
14 ANALYSIS. I WISH THAT THINGS WERE OTHERWISE. YOU HAVE MY  
15 WRITTEN COMMENTS REFLECTING OUR CONCERN THAT THE ADDITIONAL  
16 ANALYSIS DOES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE COURT'S DIRECTION ON  
17 THE ISSUES THAT STAFF DISCUSSED, SO I WANTED TO TAKE THIS TIME  
18 TO TAKE ISSUE WITH STAFF'S STATEMENT THAT THE COURT FOUND THAT  
19 THE COUNTY COULD ADDRESS THE PROJECT'S GENERAL PLANNING  
20 CONSISTENCY MERELY BY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION. THE COURT DID  
21 NOT SAY THAT. HERE THE COUNTY ESSENTIALLY HAD TWO OPTIONS:  
22 CHANGE THE PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSISTENCY  
23 OR CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN. IT DID NEITHER. EVEN IF THE COUNTY  
24 COULD ADDRESS THE PLANNING CONSISTENCY THROUGH ADDITIONAL  
25 DOCUMENTATION, IT DOES NOT DO SO HERE. ITS CONCLUSORY FINDINGS



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1 THAT THE PROJECT IS HIGHLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE RESOURCES IF  
2 S.E.A. 23 ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE. ON THE CONTRARY,  
3 EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT ABOUT A HUNDRED ACRES OF HIGHLY  
4 SENSITIVE HABITAT TYPES WILL BE REMOVED FROM S.E.A. 23  
5 ESSENTIALLY AN EVISCERATION OF THAT S.E.A. THAT THE COUNTY'S  
6 S-TAC CALLED INCONSISTENT WITH S.E.A. PRECEDENT. AND THIS IS  
7 DONE SOLELY TO ACCOMMODATE DEVELOPMENT, IT'S NOT DONE ON THE  
8 BASIS OF BETTER SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, IT'S NOT DONE ON THE  
9 BASIS OF REFINING THE MAP OF S.E.A. 23, IT'S DONE TO  
10 ACCOMMODATE DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT'S SIMPLY WRONG. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD MELODY REID COME  
13 FORWARD? YES SIR. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

14

15 **RON BOTTORFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY  
16 NAME'S RON BOTTORFF. IN THE CURRENT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ROOT  
17 OF MANDATE OF AUGUST 1, 2000 THE COURT FOUND THAT THE NEWHALL  
18 RANCH FINAL E.I.R. DID NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE IMPACTS ON  
19 SENSITIVE HABITAT IN SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA 23, THE SANTA  
20 CLARA RIVER. AND THE COURT FURTHER FOUND THAT THERE WAS NO  
21 SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY THE COUNTY'S FINDINGS THAT  
22 DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING BRIDGE CROSSINGS AND UTILITIES WAS  
23 LOCATED AND DESIGNED SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH CRITICAL  
24 RESOURCES, HABITAT AREAS OR MIGRATORY PATHS WITHIN S.E.A. 23.  
25 THE DRAFTED INITIAL ANALYSIS STILL FAILS TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS



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1 THE IMPACTS TO S.E.A. 23 AND DOES NOT PRESENT SUBSTANTIAL  
2 EVIDENCE THAT THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN IS DESIGNED SO  
3 AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THESE RESOURCES. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE  
4 WHETHER A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL IS COMPATIBLE WITH A PARTICULAR  
5 S.E.A., THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN REQUIRES THAT THE PROPOSAL BE  
6 REVIEWED FOR A COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN DESIGN COMPATIBILITY  
7 CRITERIA. AMONG THESE ARE THE DEVELOPMENT IS DESIGNED TO BE  
8 HIGHLY COMPATIBLE WITH BIOLOGIC BIOTIC RESOURCES PRESENT. THE  
9 DEVELOPMENT RETAINS SUFFICIENT NATURAL VEGETATIVE COVER AND/OR  
10 OPEN SPACES TO BUFFER CRITICAL RESOURCES FROM THE PROPOSED  
11 USE. THE D.A.A. STILL FAILS TO ESTABLISH COMPLIANCE WITH  
12 EITHER OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA. FURTHER, THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL  
13 EVIDENCE NOT REFERENCED IN THE D.A.A. WHICH SHOWS THIS  
14 SPECIFIC PLAN DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA. IN GENERAL, THE  
15 D.A.A. SEEMS ALMOST TOTALLY FOCUSED ON THE AMOUNT OF ACREAGE  
16 OF SENSITIVE HABITAT STILL REMAINING AFTER CONSTRUCTION AND  
17 AVOIDS THE SUBJECT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH BIOTIC RESOURCES  
18 PRESENT. NOWHERE IN THE D.A.A. ARE ANY STUDIES OR REFERENCES  
19 CITED WHICH SHOW WHAT CRITERIA MUST BE CONSIDERED IN  
20 EVALUATING COMPATIBILITY WITH THE RIVER'S BIOTIC RESOURCES,  
21 NOR IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION AS TO HOW WELL A SPECIFIC PLAN  
22 MEETS THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA. THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
23 FISH & GAME LONG AGO RECOMMENDED A MINIMUM BUFFER ZONE WIDTH  
24 BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND THE RIVER OF 500 FEET. THIS  
25 RECOMMENDATION WAS IGNORED UNTIL THE COURT DECISION FORCED



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1 RECONSIDERATION OF S.E.A. IMPACTS. BUFFERING OF THE S.E.A.  
2 COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED BY ELIMINATING DEVELOPMENT  
3 BETWEEN ROUTE 26 AND THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER AND  
4 ESTABLISHING A SET-BACK AT LEAST EQUAL TO FISH & GAMES  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ALONG THE SOUTH BANK. WE STILL AWAIT ADEQUATE  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF S.E.A. 23. I URGE YOUR BOARD NOT TO  
7 APPROVE THE FINAL E.I.R. UNTIL THIS IS DONE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR  
10 NAME, AND THERESA SAYAIKIE. I MISSED IT UP, I KNOW. SAYAIKIE,  
11 RIGHT, SAYAIKIE, OKAY, THANK YOU, YES PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

12

13 **DAVE ALTENBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M DAVE ALTENBERG. I HAVE  
14 BEEN PROVIDING RESEARCH AS A VOLUNTEER ON BEHALF OF THE  
15 OPPONENTS OF NEWHALL RANCH. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO TODAY IS SPEAK  
16 TO THE ISSUES RAISED OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS BY THE LOS ANGELES  
17 TIMES INCLUDING THE EDITORIAL TODAY IN OUR CALIFORNIA SECTION.  
18 THE KEY CONCERN THAT'S BEEN ADDRESSED IS THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF  
19 THE PUBLIC PROCESS OR WHAT NEWHALL LAND AND FARM HAS CALLED  
20 THE ISSUE OF TRUST. I'D LIKE TO PLACE THIS IN A WIDER CONTEXT  
21 REGARDING NEWHALL LAND AND FARMS DESCRIBED INTENT OF THEIR  
22 ACTIONS BY INFORMING YOU AND ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER FACTS  
23 REGARDING -- RELATING TO THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
24 VALLEY OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT YOU MAY  
25 NOT HEAR TODAY FROM A SILENT MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THIS



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1 PROJECT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO REFLECT PERHAPS THE INTENT AND -- OF  
2 THE SILENT VICTIMS OF THE ACTIONS OF NEWHALL LAND AND FARM.  
3 SPECIFICALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO LARGE SUCCESSFUL CIVIL  
4 LAWSUITS AGAINST NEWHALL LAND AND FARM OVER THE PAST THREE  
5 YEARS OVER THE ISSUE OF SHODDY CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES,  
6 INCLUDING 8-MILLION-DOLLAR JUDGMENT IN YEAR 2000, ARISING FROM  
7 MISSING ANCHOR BOLTS IN THE FRANCISCAN HILL CONDOMINIUM  
8 COMPLEX AND RELATED QUAKE DAMAGE AND ALSO A 41-MILLION-DOLLAR  
9 JUDGMENT ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL THOUSAND HOMEOWNERS FROM THEIR  
10 PLACEMENT OF CHEAP GALVANIZED STEEL PIPING IN THEIR BRAND-NEW  
11 HOMES WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY RUSTED AND LEAKED. ADDITIONALLY, YOU  
12 MAY CONSIDER NEWHALL LAND AND FARMS FINANCIAL MANIPULATION OF  
13 THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, INCLUDING IN 1986 OPPOSITION AND  
14 FINANCING OF A -- TO A LOCAL SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SCHOOL TAX  
15 INITIATIVE, 1992 OPPOSITION TO A LOCAL HILLSIDE GROWTH  
16 MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE CALLED INITIATIVE A. IN 1995, DESCRIBED  
17 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH OFFICIALS AT THE LOCAL CASTAIC  
18 WATER AGENCY. IN THE YEAR 2000, THE PAY-OFF OF \$300,000 TO THE  
19 CITY OF FILLMORE SO THAT THEY WOULD DROP OUT OF THIS LEGAL  
20 PROCESS AFFECTING THIS E.I.R. ALSO IN YEAR 2000, NEWHALL LAND  
21 AND FARM OPPOSED MEASURE "S" IN ORANGE COUNTY BY FINANCING  
22 MEASURE "T" IN ORANGE COUNTY, AND LAST YEAR, NEWHALL LAND AND  
23 FARMS' INVOLVEMENT WITH STATE PROPOSITION 51 WHERE THEY  
24 DONATED \$150,000 IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEFRAY \$7 MILLION IN COSTS  
25 TO AN UPGRADE OF THE NEARBY INTERSTATE 5 HIGHWAY 126



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1 INTERCHANGE. PERHAPS THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE. THEY'VE ALSO  
2 BULLDOZED MANY TREES ON THEIR VENTURA COUNTY PROPERTIES AND AT  
3 THE VALENCIA MARKETPLACE PROPERTY. THEY DENIED ACCESS TO  
4 SEISMIC RESEARCHERS LOOKING FOR HIDDEN EARTHQUAKE FAULTS. THEY  
5 HIRED A SO-CALLED FIXER, ROBERT FILABOSIAN TO AVOID CRIMINAL  
6 SANCTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE SPINE FLOWER HABITAT AND THEY  
7 HAVE ALSO SUPPRESSED SOIL AND GEOLOGY REPORTS BY ALLEN SEWARD  
8 ENGINEERING WHICH WERE TO BE INTRODUCED WHEN SUPOENAED AS PART  
9 OF THEIR \$100 MILLION CIVIL COMPLAINT AGAINST KERR MCGEE, THAT  
10 WAS THIS YEAR. IN RESPONSE, I BASICALLY WANT TO SAY THAT IF  
11 YOU CONSIDER THEIR ACTIONS AND THEIR FINANCING PATTERNS,  
12 INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND COUNTY PLANNING STAFF TO  
13 DO THEIR OWN REVIEWS, I SUGGEST THE STUDY SHOULD BE REREVIEWED  
14 OBJECTIVELY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARDS TO CONCERNS ABOUT SOIL  
15 CONTAMINATION, GEOLOGIC STUDIES THAT MAY INDICATE HIDDEN  
16 SEISMIC HAZARDS. WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL  
17 SITUATION HERE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO ASK MARJA  
20 HOERNER TO COME FORWARD, BUT BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, I'M  
21 GOING TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 34 AND ASK FOR THAT MATTER TO  
22 COME BEFORE US. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. IT WILL BE  
23 MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE, AND WITH THE  
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTING "NO" AND CONTINUING THE CORRECTIVE  
25 ACTION FOR ONE WEEK. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? HEARING NO





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1 OBJECTION, THAT ITEM IS APPROVED WITH THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
2 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE  
3 RECORDED AS VOTING "NO." YES, I'M SORRY, STATE YOUR NAME,  
4 PLEASE.

5

6 **MELODY REID:** MY NAME IS MELODY REID, I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT  
7 OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. I'VE LIVED THERE SINCE 1969. I'VE  
8 COME HERE AS A RESIDENT, I'M NOT A MEMBER OF ANY GROUP OR  
9 ANYTHING. I LIVED IN VALENCIA ORIGINALLY WHEN THE -- THE PART  
10 THAT HAD THE PROBLEMS IN THE 1971 AND THE 1994 EARTHQUAKES. I  
11 PERSONALLY SAW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VALENCIA HOMES, I  
12 ACTUALLY LIVED IN A HOME IN VALENCIA. IN THE '94 EARTHQUAKE  
13 THAT SAME AREA, THE HILLSIDE CONTINUED TO HAVE PROBLEMS AND  
14 SEVERAL OF THOSE HOUSES IN THAT AREA HAD TO BE REBUILT. I'VE  
15 ALSO SEEN, SINCE I'VE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR SO LONG, I'VE SOON  
16 THE CRACKS AND FISCURES IN THE GROUND, IN THE 1971 EARTHQUAKE  
17 AND LANDSLIDES AS A CHILD, I HAD SPENT A LOT OF MY TIME  
18 PLAYING IN PICO CANYON, AND I DO REMEMBER SEEING THAT AT THE  
19 TIME NOT REALIZING EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS, BUT I DO REMEMBER  
20 SEEING IT. I DID ALSO HAVE A JOB IN THE PAST WHERE I HAD  
21 ACCESS TO THE OIL FIELDS AT THE END OF THE CANYON. IT WAS PART  
22 OF MY JOB TO DRIVE IN THAT AREA. THERE WAS OIL ALL OVER THE  
23 GROUND AT THAT TIME THAT I HAD SEEN AND I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT  
24 THAT REQUIRES EXTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS. AND WHO KNOWS HOW  
25 THAT WILL AFFECT ANY WATER UNDERNEATH THAT AREA. I ALSO KNOW,



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1 I'VE SEEN THE PLANS FOR PICO CANYON ROAD, THE WIDENING OF IT,  
2 THERE ARE TWO 30-INCH HIGH PRESSURE GAS LINES, THEY'RE CALLED  
3 INTERSTATE GAS LINES. I NOTICE THEY'RE NOT ADDRESSED AT THE  
4 E.I.R., WHICH I'VE READ OF IT, WHICH IS QUITE A HUGE DOCUMENT,  
5 THERE'S NOTHING MENTIONED ABOUT WHERE THESE ARE LOCATED OR  
6 EVEN IF THEY IMPACT IT. THEY'RE QUITE LARGE GAS LINES, AND  
7 WITH THE EARTHQUAKE PROBLEMS THAT ARE POTENTIAL FOR THAT AREA  
8 AND THESE HIGH PRESSURE GAS LINES YOU'VE A RECIPE FOR  
9 DISASTER, IN MY OPINION, AS A RESIDENT, SO I AM CONCERNED. AS  
10 A RESIDENT, FROM HEARING THE THINGS IN THE NEWS AND ALSO  
11 WANTING TO INVESTIGATE ON MY OWN, BECAUSE IT IS PART OF MY  
12 COMMUNITY, I'VE TRIED TO RESEARCH INTO THE E.I.R. AND OTHER  
13 DOCUMENTS THAT ARE CONNECTED WITH THIS, AND I'VE HAD SOME  
14 DIFFICULTY GETTING INFORMATION FOR THIS PROJECT, WHICH I'VE  
15 FOUND TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT. I WORK FOR ANOTHER LARGE CITY  
16 GOVERNMENT AND OUR E.I.R.S ARE ON-LINE AND AVAILABLE FOR  
17 ANYONE TO ACCESS AND LOOK AT AT ANY TIME. I FIND THAT THAT'S  
18 NOT THE CASE WITH THE COUNTY. I THINK WHAT AB-406, THAT MAY  
19 HELP THAT. AND THEN SOMEONE MENTIONED ABOUT JOBS. I HAVE TO  
20 COMMUTE 46 MILES TO WORK. IF THERE WAS A JOB IN THE VALLEY, IN  
21 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, I WOULD HAVE IT I'M SURE. ACCORDING TO  
22 THE VALENCIA WEB SITE, THE MAJORITY OF THE JOBS ARE SERVICE  
23 ORIENTED, PROFESSIONAL JOBS THAT USED TO EXIST AT ONE TIME  
24 WHEN LOCKHEED AND OTHER LARGE COMPANIES WERE THERE, I HAVE NOT  
25 FOUND ANY. SO, I GUESS THAT'S IT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, I



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1 VOTE THAT -- I HOPE AS A RESIDENT, I NORMALLY DON'T GIVE  
2 SPEECHES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT I HOPE THAT YOU REALLY  
3 LOOK INTO THIS VERY MUCH, SO I'M CONCERNED. VERY CONCERNED.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD BARBARA WAMPOLE  
6 COME FORWARD? YES, PLEASE, I THINK IT'S TERESA SAYAIKIE, WOULD  
7 YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

8

9 **TERESA SAYAIKIE:** OH YOU WANT ME TO GO AHEAD, OKAY. HI, MY NAME  
10 IS TERESA SAYAIKIE, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA AND  
11 I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY WHICH  
12 IS VERY INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE THERE  
13 ARE SO MANY THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE  
14 SANTA CLARA RIVER, SOME OF WHICH OCCURRED THROUGHOUT ALL OF  
15 L.A. COUNTY'S RIVER SYSTEMS BEFORE WE TOOK CONCRETE TO THEM,  
16 SO I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE AROYO TOAD IN PARTICULAR TODAY.  
17 NEWHALL HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CONCEALING THE PRESENCE OF THIS  
18 SPECIES, HARASSING OTHERS, AND HARMING OTHER ENDANGERED  
19 SPECIES, SO LET'S JUST TAKE THE AROYO TOAD, FOR INSTANCE. THE  
20 FACTS ARE THAT NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING'S HIRED BIOLOGIST WHO  
21 INDEED DID SIGN CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS, OBSERVED AROYO  
22 TOADS IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER IN 1994, IN 1996, AND AROYO  
23 TOAD TADPOLES IN MAY OF 2000, EVIDENCE OF BREEDING, SO THEY'RE  
24 NOT JUST UTILIZING THE RIVER FOR A MIGRATION. IT'S INTERESTING  
25 THAT MARLEY LOWFUR WAS QUOTED IN THE SIGNAL NEWSPAPER JUNE



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1 7TH, 2000, "THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE AROYO TOAD HAS  
2 BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER OR ANYWHERE ON OUR  
3 PROPERTY." NOW DON'T YOU THINK THAT IF THESE PEOPLE WERE  
4 COMMISSIONED, THESE BIOLOGISTS COMMISSIONED BY NEWHALL LAND  
5 AND FARM TO DO SURVEYS FOR AROYO TOADS TOLD THEM? THEY FOUND  
6 THEM IN '94, '96 AND 2000, FUNNY THE PUBLIC WASN'T REALLY  
7 AWARE OF THIS. WE HAD TO INSTEAD GO TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE,  
8 TALK TO THEM ABOUT OUR CONCERNS, OF WHICH THEY WERE AWARE OF  
9 ALREADY, THEY REFERRED US TO A BIOLOGIST WHO WENT OUT AND  
10 SURVEYED FOR AROYO TOADS IN THAT SANTA CLARA RIVER, AND GUESS  
11 WHAT, SHE FOUND THEM. AND THEN SUDDENLY WE HAVE THESE  
12 BIOLOGISTS COMING FORWARD AND SAYING, "YES, AND BY THE WAY, WE  
13 FOUND AROYO TOAD TADPOLES." THIS COMPANY USES THESE  
14 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS TO FURTHER THEIR DEVELOPMENTS AND  
15 SKIRT THE SEQUA PROCESS AND THEY HAVE NO DESIRE TO PROTECT THE  
16 RESOURCES, THEY HAVE PROVEN THIS WITH THE AROYO TOAD AND THEIR  
17 CONCEALMENT OF ITS PRESENCE THROUGH THE USE OF HAZING MACHINES  
18 TO SCARE WAY BIRDS DURING SURVEYS CONTRARY TO THEIR PUBLIC  
19 COMMENTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS, AND ALL IN ALL, SINCE 1991, THEY  
20 HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN HARMING ENDANGERED SPECIES. WE ASK THAT  
21 YOU REJECT THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, REQUIRE A NEW  
22 E.I.R. WHERE THE ISSUES ARE CLEAR AND HONEST AND OPEN TO THE  
23 GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO THE VERY AGENCIES THAT ARE CHARGED TO  
24 PROTECT THESE RESOURCES. AND I WOULD CONCLUDE THAT THE COUNTY  
25 OF LOS ANGELES, PLEASE, LOOK AT THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. IT'S



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1 WHAT ONCE WAS ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY. IT OFFERS A RARE GLIMPSE  
2 OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE, OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND IT  
3 CANNOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY AND IT NEEDS TO BE -- THIS  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NEEDS TO BE REJECTED. CURRENTLY  
5 THE RIVER IS BEING POLLUTED. WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE  
6 UNARMED THREE SPINES STICKLE BACK, WE HAVE CRITTERS RUNNING  
7 UP AND DOWN THAT RIVER THAT NEWHALL DOESN'T WANT TO TELL US  
8 ABOUT AND WE NEED AN OPEN AND GENERAL AND HONEST POLICY AND  
9 SURVEYS. THANK YOU. I ALSO HAVE SOME INFORMATION TO BACK UP  
10 EVERYTHING THAT I'VE JUST SAID TO SUBMIT TO ALL OF YOU. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GABRIEL BENTON, PLEASE  
14 COME FORWARD.

15

16 **MARJA HOERNER:** I'M MARJA HOERNER OF VALENCIA, CALIFORNIA.  
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE MANY UNRESOLVED  
18 ISSUES REGARDING NEWHALL RANCH CITY. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE  
19 STUDIES BY R.D. CATCHINGS AND OTHERS PUBLISHED BY THE U.S.  
20 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN 1998 AND ALSO IN 2002. THEIR INDEPENDENT  
21 RESEARCH PROVIDES NEW INFORMATION ABOUT NEWHALL RANCH OBTAINED  
22 AFTER THE CURRENT E.I.R. WAS PREPARED, AND I BROUGHT ALONG  
23 COPIES IF I CAN SUBMIT FOR YOUR RECORDS. THIS RESEARCH TEAM,  
24 USING SEISMIC IMAGING, DISCOVERED AN EARTHQUAKE FAULT WHICH  
25 RUNS RIGHT THROUGH THIS PROPOSED PROJECT. THIS FAULT IS LIKELY



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1 TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THE OAK RIDGE FAULT, A MAJOR ACTIVE  
2 FAULT. THE CURRENT E.I.R. DOES NOT ADDRESS THIS FAULT. I'M  
3 SURE THAT EVERYONE HERE TODAY WOULD AGREE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY  
4 IS ONE OF OUR HIGHEST CONCERNS. THE HEART OF NEWHALL RANCH,  
5 KNOWN AS PORTRAYAL CANYON, EXPERIENCED UNUSUALLY STRONG GROUND  
6 SHAKING AND SURFACE CRACKING DURING THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE.  
7 I URGE THIS BOARD TO DEMAND FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
8 EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE NEWHALL RANCH AREA.  
9 IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE PUBLIC,  
10 AND NEWHALL LAND TO HAVE THE MOST ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE  
11 INFORMATION. WE NEED ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TO DISCOVER IF IT IS  
12 REALLY SAFE TO BUILD 21,000 HOMES IN AN AREA OF SUCH UNUSUALLY  
13 HIGH SEISMIC ACTIVITY. THE OAK RIDGE FAULT NEEDS TO BE  
14 INCLUDED IN THE E.I.R. BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL IS A WELL KNOWN  
15 EXAMPLE OF CONSTRUCTION THAT BEGAN BEFORE SEISMIC STUDIES WERE  
16 COMPLETED. INVESTIGATE FIRST. DO NOT APPROVE THE E.I.R. TODAY.  
17 PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD ILEENE ANDERSON  
20 COME FORWARD? YES? WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ARE YOU  
21 BARBARA WAMPOLE?

22

23 **BARBARA WAMPOLE:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND  
24 CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS BARBARA WAMPOLE, I'M A 31 YEAR RESIDENT  
25 OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY AND I'M THE VICE CHAIR OF





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1 FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT  
2 MY COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER WERE  
3 NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECENT ANALYSIS THAT WAS THE FINAL  
4 ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS. I THINK THERE'S A PROBLEM THERE. THANK  
5 YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE NEWHALL RANCH  
6 PROJECT. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN ACCURATE NOR  
7 SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS ON THE NEWHALL RANCH  
8 PROJECT'S ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS TO MAKE A DECISION TODAY AND  
9 THEREFORE WE BELIEVE NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THIS PROJECT  
10 UNTIL THEY ARE ADDRESSED BECAUSE THIS PROJECT DOES NOT SATISFY  
11 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURT AND THE DECISION MADE BY JUDGE  
12 RANDALL. IN ADDITION TO MY TESTIMONY ON FEBRUARY 4TH, 2003,  
13 WHICH I JUST MENTIONED, THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
14 MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION  
15 FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND FRIENDS OF THE SANTA  
16 CLARA RIVER WON THE CASE ON WEST CREEK WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN  
17 THE DISTRICT APPELLATE COURT DECISION. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF  
18 THIS OPINION READS "AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR A  
19 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT MUST CONTAIN A THOROUGH ANALYSIS THAT  
20 REASONABLY INFORMS THE READER OF THE AMOUNT OF WATER  
21 AVAILABLE. THE DREAM OF WATER ENTITLEMENTS FROM THE INCOMPLETE  
22 STATE WATER PROJECT IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REALITY OF ACTUAL  
23 WATER THAT STATE WATER PROJECT CAN DELIVER," UNQUOTE, OPINION  
24 ON PAGE ONE. THEY ALSO SAY FURTHER THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR  
25 AN E.I.R. SIMPLY TO CONTAIN INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE



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1 PUBLIC AND EXPERTS. PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND  
2 RESPONSIBLE EXPERTS REQUIRE A GOOD FAITH REASONED ANALYSIS AND  
3 RESPONSE. THE REQUIREMENT OF A DETAILED ANALYSIS IN RESPONSE  
4 ENSURES THAT STUBBORN PROBLEMS OR SERIOUS CRITICISM ARE NOT  
5 SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG, CLEARLY VERSUS THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS,  
6 1981, MY COMMENTS FROM THE LAST HEARING I THINK NEED TO BE  
7 CONSIDERED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE COMMENTS WE HAVE SUBMITTED  
8 WERE GIVEN A GOOD FAITH REASONABLE ANALYSIS IN RESPONSE TO  
9 COMMENTS. WE ALSO SERIOUSLY QUESTION THE RELIABILITY, EXCUSE  
10 ME, OF DATA IN THE NEWHALL RANCH E.I.R. IN TOTAL DUE TO RECENT  
11 REVELATIONS OF HOW DATA HAS BEEN RESTRICTED THROUGH THE  
12 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS MENTIONED BY SEVERAL OF US.  
13 EXTENSIVE FILLING OF THE FLOODPLAIN IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO  
14 THE RIVER NEAR THE OUTFLOW OF THE TRIBUTARY IN THE CHIQUITA  
15 LANDFILL WAS POINTED OUT AND STILL HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. THE  
16 JUDGE ORDERED CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICIES OF COUNTY'S GENERAL  
17 PLAN REGARDING S.E.A.'S, NOT CONFORMITY OF THE GENERAL PLAN  
18 BUT THE SPECIFIC PLAN OF THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING  
19 PROJECTS. THE LACK OF INCLUSION OF ALL CRITICAL SIGNIFICANT  
20 ECOLOGICAL AREAS IN S.E.A. 23 WHICH IS THE SANTA CLARA RIVER  
21 AND THE UPDATED S.E.A. PLAN SHOWS AT LEAST NEGLECT IF NOT  
22 INTENTIONAL PREJUDICE FOR THE DEVELOPER'S FINANCIAL GOALS  
23 RATHER THE INTENT OF THE S.E.A. PROCESS TO PROTECT OUR  
24 COUNTY'S SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCES. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR  
25 YOU TO CONFORM TO THE GENERAL PLAN CHANGES AT THIS TIME WHEN



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1 THE PLAN HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED. THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE  
2 COUNTY'S CONTRACTED BIOLOGISTS TO ELIMINATE SURVEYING AND  
3 ANALYSIS OF S.E.A. 23 AND THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT AREA  
4 COUNTY GENERAL PLAN DOES NOT ADDRESS THE COURT'S DECISION. I  
5 WOULD ALSO JUST QUICKLY LIKE TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THAT U.C.L.A.  
6 AND THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD STUDY  
7 AND LETTER OF 2003 INDICATES SERIOUS DEGRADATION THAT NEEDS TO  
8 BE INCLUDED AND ALSO THAT IN THE MINUTES TO YOUR OWN C-TAC  
9 MEETINGS THEY STATE A PRIOR CONSULTANT LOU COUTOIRE'S COMPANY  
10 ARE NOT CREDIBLE FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME AND  
11 U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RIGHT, WOULD SALLY  
14 HAMPTON PLEASE COME FORWARD? COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

15

16 **GABRIEL BENTON:** YES. MY NAME IS GABRIEL BENTON, AND I'M A  
17 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,  
18 MADAM CHAIR, THE FIVE MEN WHO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF NEWHALL  
19 RANCH DID NOT ADDRESS ANY OF THE SIX ISSUES UNDER  
20 CONSIDERATION TODAY. THESE BUSINESSMEN LARGELY REITERATED WHAT  
21 ONE CAN FIND IN THE NEWHALL RANCH BROCHURE AND ONE  
22 UNFORTUNATELY WENT SO FAR AS TO USE HIS TIME TO LIE IN AN  
23 ATTEMPT TO DISPARAGE THE OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. AGAIN AND  
24 AGAIN, THESE MEN SPOKE OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE. I AM OPPOSED TO  
25 NEWHALL RANCH IN PART BECAUSE I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN A QUALITY



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1 OF LIFE FOR THOSE OF US WHO ALREADY LIVE HERE. I FEEL  
2 COMPELLED TO SAY AT THIS POINT THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A  
3 VAGUE TERM THAT BY NO MEANS ASSURES HOUSING FOR THOSE THAT  
4 ACTUALLY NEED IT. I AM OPPOSED TO THE AHMANSON RANCH PROJECT  
5 AS WELL, AS IS THIS BOARD, AND IN PART BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC  
6 FROM AHMANSON RANCH WOULD FURTHER CONSTIPATE THE ALREADY  
7 SLUGGISH 101 FREEWAY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN  
8 ADDITIONAL 400, I MEAN 40,000 DAILY TRIPS THAT WOULD SPILL ON  
9 TO BOTH THE 101 AND THE SURROUNDING SERVICE STREETS. AHMANSON  
10 RANCH IS ONE SEVENTH THE SIZE OF NEWHALL RANCH. THE FACT THAT  
11 THIS BOARD IS OPPOSED TO AHMANSON IN LARGE PART BECAUSE LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ABSORBING THE IMPACT  
13 AND COST OF BOTH THE INCREASED TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE  
14 DEMANDS. THIS IS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT THIS BOARD WOULDN'T  
15 BE ALSO OPPOSED TO NEWHALL RANCH FOR THE EXACT SAME REASONS.  
16 IF WE HAVEN'T ALREADY CONVINCED YOU TODAY I URGE, STRONGLY  
17 URGE YOU TO PLEASE AT LEAST ASK FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL E.I.R.  
18 THANKS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GEOFF ROBINSON. WOULD  
21 YOU STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

22

23 **ILEENE ANDERSON:** YES GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, AND  
24 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND MY HATS OFF TO  
25 YOU FOR BEING ABLE TO GO WITHOUT FOOD FOR SO LONG. MY NAME'S



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1 ILEENE ANDERSON, I'M A CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND I'M  
2 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BOTANIST FOR A STATEWIDE  
3 ORGANIZATION CALLED THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY. MY  
4 ADVANCED DEGREE IS FROM CAL STATE NORTH RIDGE, IN BIOLOGY. THE  
5 NATIVE PLANTS SOCIETY HAVE BEEN PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLANNING  
6 PROCESS FOR THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT SINCE THE MID 90S AND  
7 WE'VE PROVIDED MULTIPLE COMMENTS ON EACH PLANNING DOCUMENT.  
8 AND WE'VE WATCHED WITH INTEREST AS MORE AND MORE EXCITING  
9 DISCOVERIES OF RARE PLANTS CONTINUE TO OCCUR ON THE NEWHALL  
10 RANCH PROJECT INCLUDING NOW AT LEAST NINE SENSITIVE PLANT  
11 SPECIES, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE KNOWN TO -- EIGHT MORE THAN WERE  
12 KNOWN TO OCCUR ON THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT WHEN YOU CERTIFIED  
13 THE E.I.R. IN 1999. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT DOCUMENT, THE FINAL  
14 ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS STILL FAILS TO OUTLINE ANY CONSERVATION  
15 FOR EIGHT OF THOSE NINE SPECIES, THREE OF WHICH ARE MANDATED  
16 UNDER SEQUA TO BE ADDRESSED FOR THE SPECIFIC PLAN. THEREFORE  
17 OUR ANALYSIS ON THE PLANT ISSUES ALONE DEEMS THE DOCUMENT  
18 STILL INCOMPLETE AND INADEQUATE. WE WATCHED WITH OUTRAGE AND  
19 DISMAY AS BULLDOZING AND CATTLE GRAZING IMPACTED THE SAN  
20 FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER ON NEWHALL RANCH. THE 64-ACRE  
21 CONSERVATION EASEMENT THAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE  
22 CONTROVERSIAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IS OUT OF STEP WITH THE  
23 OTHER PROJECT AND MITIGATION FROM THE SAME SPECIES. PLEASE  
24 REMEMBER THAT NEWHALL RANCH IS ONLY ONE OF TWO PLACES ON THE  
25 PLANET WHERE THIS SPECIES IS KNOWN TO OCCUR, AND IT'S THE ONLY



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1 LOCATION OVER WHICH YOU HAVE JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY.  
2 TO RELEGATE THE SPINE FLOWER TO A 64-ACRE PRESERVE WITHOUT ANY  
3 PUBLIC REVIEW AND THAT WILL ONLY BE PROTECTED UNDER MITIGATION  
4 MEASURES THAT, AND I QUOTE, "WHERE FEASIBLE," UNQUOTE, WILL  
5 MORE LIKELY DOOM THE SPECIES TO EXTINCTION THAN TO PRESERVE IT  
6 ON THE NEWHALL RANCH. CURRENT CONSERVATION BIOLOGY PRINCIPLES  
7 CONFIRM THAT BIGGER RESERVES MAKE FOR BETTER RESERVES,  
8 ESPECIALLY WHEN SPECIES WHOSE ECOLOGY IS LIMITED AND NOT WELL  
9 UNDERSTOOD. THE SMALLER THE RESERVE, THE GREATER THE ONGOING  
10 ACTIVE MANAGEMENT IS REQUIRED AND TYPICALLY AT GREATER EXPENSE  
11 FOR SUCCESS, IF SUCCESS IS EVEN POSSIBLE. NONE OF THE  
12 PRINCIPLES OF A BASIC CONSERVATION BIOLOGY ARE ADDRESSED IN  
13 ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE FINAL ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS.  
14 THE RESERVE DEAL WAS STRUCK AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED ON THE  
15 REVISED DRAFT ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS. CURTAILING GLOBAL  
16 EXTINCTION CRISIS STARTS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. FROM A SCIENCE  
17 BASED PERSPECTIVE THE FAILURE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
18 TO EVEN DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL PERSPECTIVE -- THE POTENTIAL  
19 PERSPECTIVE, THE FAILURE OF THE -- LET ME START THAT OVER.  
20 FROM THE SCIENCE BASED PERSPECTIVE --

21  
22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JUST ONE SECOND. SALLY HAMPTON AND GEOFF  
23 ROBINSON. ALL RIGHT. WOULD BRENT HOERNER COME FORWARD OR HAS  
24 HE SPOKEN? ALL RIGHT, SALLY HAMPTON DID SPEAK, THANK YOU, I'M  
25 SORRY.





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**ILEENE ANDERSON:** OKAY. I JUST HAVE ONE CONCLUDING SENTENCE,  
BUT IT'S A LONG ONE. FROM A SCIENCE BASED PERSPECTIVE, THE  
FAILURE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS TO EVEN DISCUSS THE  
POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO EIGHT OF THE NINE SENSITIVE PLANT SPECIES  
THAT ARE KNOWN TO OCCUR ON THE NEWHALL SITE AND THE INADEQUATE  
MITIGATION FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER BASED ON  
THE FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE, I URGE  
EACH OF YOU TO BE RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES FOR LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY AND DENY THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT AS CURRENTLY  
PROPOSED. THANK YOU.

12

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GEOFF ROBINSON, AGAIN,  
I'LL CALL AND LISA FIMIANI. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

15

**DR. BRENT HOERNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DR. BRENT HOERNER, A  
GRADUATE OF CAL TECH AND A LICENSED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER IN THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL DEDICATED TO  
THE GUARDIANSHIP OF OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES. WE ARE ALL  
DEDICATED, EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM, TO THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN  
LIFE. BASED ON RECENT RESEARCH BY CATCHINGS RHYMER AND OTHERS  
OF THE U.S. GEOLOGIC SURVEY, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT AN  
EXTENSION OF A MAJOR ACTIVE FAULT LIES AT THE HEART OF THE  
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. THIS FAULT IS SHOWN IN RED ON THIS MAP  
AND MY FRIEND MELODY IS CARRYING A LARGE VERSION OF THE SAME



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1 MAP AROUND THE ROOM FOR OTHERS TO SEE. THIS FAULT, THE MOST  
2 GERMANE AND MOST IMPORTANT FAULT IN THE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT  
3 RECOGNIZED IN THE CURRENT E.I.R. THIS FAULT, THE OAK RIDGE  
4 FAULT, IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING AN EARTHQUAKE IN THE MAGNITUDE  
5 7 TO 8 RANGE. THIS FAULT MAY PUT OVER HALF OF THE DEVELOPMENT  
6 AT SURFACE FAULTING RISK. THIS FAULT MAY PUT BILLIONS OF  
7 DOLLARS WORTH OF INVESTMENT AT RISK. THIS FAULT MAY PUT  
8 THOUSANDS OF LIVES AT RISK. I REMIND YOU THAT THE E.I.R.  
9 RECOMMENDS CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING CODE  
10 GUIDELINES TO ADDRESS EARTHQUAKE RISKS DESIGNED FOR 10 TIMES  
11 THESE GUIDELINES WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO ADDRESS THE  
12 SURFACE FAULTING RISK. IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH WHAT  
13 HAPPENED IN TURNIGAN HEIGHTS IN 1964 IN ALASKA, I RECOMMEND  
14 THAT YOU LOOK AT SOME OF THE PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS FROM  
15 THAT AREA. AND IF YOU NEED MORE LOCAL INFORMATION ON WHAT'S  
16 HAPPENED IN EARTHQUAKES, TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED IN SAN  
17 FERNANDO IN 1971 AND IN NORTHRIDGE IN 1994. EARTHQUAKES DO  
18 EXCEEDING DAMAGE AND THEY PUT PEOPLE AT RISK. I ASK YOU TO  
19 JOIN WITH ME IN PROTECTING OUR COUNTY'S LEGAL EXPOSURE, OUR  
20 COUNTY'S FINANCIAL EXPOSURE, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE  
21 PRECIOUS LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS BY INSISTING ON THOROUGH AND  
22 INDEPENDENT SEISMIC INVESTIGATIONS BEFORE YOU PROCEED FURTHER.  
23 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND HAVE A VERY GOOD DAY,  
24 EVERYONE.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LISA FIMIANI. I ASSUME  
2   THAT GEOFF ROBINSON EITHER SPOKE OR IS NOT COMING FORWARD.  
3   WOULD HUNTER ALLEN PLEASE COME FORWARD? ALL RIGHT, AND ALSO  
4   MELANIE WINTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6   **LISA FIMIANI:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LISA FIMIANI AND I LIVE IN  
7   WEST LOS ANGELES. I REPRESENT THE AUDOBON CALIFORNIA AS A  
8   STATE BOARD MEMBER, AND FOR THE RECORD, I'D LIKE TO STATE THAT  
9   AUDOBON CALIFORNIA, DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE E.I.R. SUBMITTED BY  
10   NEWHALL RANCH AS A CREDIBLE DOCUMENT. COMMENTS HAVING TO DO  
11   WITH THIS STATEMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED BY DAN COOPER,  
12   THE DIRECTOR OF BIRD CONSERVATION FOR AUDOBON, CALIFORNIA. ON  
13   A PERSONAL NOTE, I WANT TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE ON SUNDAY,  
14   JANUARY 5TH OF THIS YEAR. I PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST  
15   CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN SANTA CLARITA SPONSORED BY AUDOBON,  
16   CALIFORNIA. I WALKED THE SANTA CLARA RIVER WITH SOME LOCAL  
17   RESIDENTS AND HEARD AN EARFUL ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON UP  
18   THERE WITH THE NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPERS. LATER IN THE DAY, I  
19   WENT TO SEE THE 400-YEAR-OLD OAK TREE. AGAIN, I HEARD  
20   DISTURBING STORIES FROM PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED ENVIRONMENTAL  
21   DESTRUCTION OF WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTED LAND IN THE  
22   AREA. I DROVE HOME WITH A VERY DISMAL IMAGE OF GOVERNMENT'S  
23   ROLE IN ALL THIS, AND I'M APPEALING TO THE CHILD IN YOU WHO  
24   MAY HAVE EXPERIENCED NATURE AS I DID. SOME OF MY FONDEST  
25   MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, ARE OF AN OLD



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1 ROCK QUARRY DOWN THE STREET FROM WHERE WE LIVED CALLED MIKE'S  
2 POND. MY BROTHERS AND I SPENT ENDLESS SUMMERS PLAYING THERE,  
3 HIKING TRAILS AND EXPLORING. WHILE I WAS WALKING THE SANTA  
4 CLARA RIVER, IT REMINDED ME OF MIKE'S POND AND ALL THE FUN I  
5 HAD AS A KID GROWING UP WITH NATURE LITERALLY IN MY OWN  
6 BACKYARD. HOWEVER, I SENSE A REAL THREAT TO THE CHILDHOOD  
7 MEMORIES OF MANY CHILDREN WHO COME TO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER  
8 AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO EXPERIENCE NATURE. WHAT HAS TO CHANGE  
9 HERE IN THIS CITY, ACROSS THE NATION, AND AROUND THE WORLD IS  
10 A MIND SET, THE NOTION THAT ENVIRONMENT IS SOME LIMITLESS  
11 DEVELOPMENT SITE. 400-YEAR-OLD OAK TREES SPEAK VOLUMES TO THAT  
12 NOTION. JUST IN THEIR BEING, THEY ARE LIVING TESTIMONY TO THE  
13 STRENGTH IT TOOK TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY, TAKING UP ROOT,  
14 ENDURING DROUGHTS, FLOODS, AND EARTHQUAKES, STILL STANDING  
15 AFTER 400 YEARS. AND SADLY, IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, A  
16 COLLECTIVE ENTITY THAT PURPORTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE  
17 SURVIVAL OF THAT TREE WILL UPROOT IT AND ATTEMPT TO RELOCATE  
18 IT OUT OF INCONVENIENCE TO ANOTHER, MORE OUT OF THE WAY  
19 LOCATION. THE LIKELY DEATH OF THIS 400-YEAR-OLD TREE UPON ITS  
20 UPROOTING WILL BE A TRAGEDY, BUT THE BIGGER TRAGEDY HAS BEEN  
21 AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE LOSS OF HUNDREDS MORE JUST BECAUSE  
22 THEY ARE IN THE WAY, IN THE WAY OF A DEVELOPER'S PRECONCEIVED  
23 PLAN DESIGNED OUT OF CONTEXT WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA. THIS  
24 ISN'T ABOUT COMPROMISE. THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OAK TREES AND  
25 RIVERS LEFT FOR THAT. THIS IS ABOUT HOLDING YOUR GROUND.



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1 PLEASE, FOR THE SAKE OF PEOPLE WHO WANT BIODIVERSITY IN THEIR  
2 LIVES, PLEASE PROTECT THIS RIVER AND THE LAND AROUND IT. FOR  
3 THE SAKE OF OAK TREES ALREADY SLATED TO BE CUT DOWN, PLEASE  
4 PROTECT WHAT IS LEFT. I LIVE IN WEST LOS ANGELES AND I OFTEN  
5 RIDE MY BIKE ALONG THE CEMENT-LINED BIONA CREEK CHANNEL. IT  
6 SADDENS ME EVERY TIME BECAUSE I KNOW THERE WAS ONCE A RIPARIAN  
7 HABITAT TEAMING ALONG THE SHORE LINE. IT'S NOW GONE FOREVER,  
8 EVEN IF PLANS TO RESTORE BIONA AND THE L.A. RIVER ARE  
9 IMPLEMENTED, I'LL NEVER SEE IT IN MY LIFETIME. IF NEWHALL  
10 RANCH GETS THEIR WAY, THE SANTA CLARA RIVER IS DESTINED FOR  
11 THE SAME FATE. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PREVENT THAT FROM  
12 HAPPENING. PLEASE EXERCISE THAT POWER AND DO SOMETHING THAT  
13 WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. STOP DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
14 RIVER PLAIN. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ].

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HUNTER ALLEY.

17

18 **HUNTER ALLEN:** YEAH OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALLEN, THAT'S ALLEN I'M SORRY AND MARCIA  
21 HANSCOM, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

22

23 **HUNTER ALLEN:** OKAY, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
24 HUNTER ALLEN, I'M COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR FOR RALLY TO  
25 SAVE AHMANSON RANCH. NOT SO LONG AGO, ALL FIVE OF YOU DID THE



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1 RIGHT THING AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUE VENTURA COUNTY AND  
2 HALT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AHMANSON RANCH. I WANT TO THANK YOU  
3 FOR THAT AND REITERATE THAT I THINK THAT WAS THE RIGHT THING  
4 TO DO AND THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
5 FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS WHICH ARE VERY OPPOSED TO THE AHMANSON  
6 RANCH DEVELOPMENT. TODAY YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ONCE AGAIN  
7 DO THE RIGHT THING AND STAND UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE  
8 COMMUNITIES YOU REPRESENT BY REJECTING THIS DEVELOPMENT. KATHY  
9 LONG, JOHN FLYNN AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VENTURA COUNTY  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST NEWHALL WHILE, AT THE  
11 SAME TIME, VOTING TO APPROVE AHMANSON RANCH. THIS IS HYPOCRISY  
12 AT ITS WORST. THEIR ACTIONS HAVE RENDERED THEIR WORDS  
13 MEANINGLESS. BUT I URGE YOU NOT TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE AND TO  
14 DO THE RIGHT THING TODAY. DO NOT FOLLOW THE HIPOCRITICAL  
15 EXAMPLE OF THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THESE  
16 DEVELOPMENTS ARE VERY SIMILAR. BOTH OF THEM WOULD INCREASE  
17 TRAFFIC, BOTH OF THEM ARE NOT WANTED BY THE COMMUNITIES THAT  
18 THEY ARE BEING PROPOSED IN, BOTH OF THEM WILL CAUSE HARM TO  
19 SENSITIVE ECOLOGICAL HABITATS, AND I BELIEVE A CONSISTENT AND  
20 HONEST AND CONSISTENT APPROACH WOULD BE TO REJECT THIS  
21 DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS THE AHMANSON RANCH DEVELOPMENT. I JUST  
22 WANT TO CLOSE WITH TWO THINGS AND FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO  
23 REITERATE THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE TODAY TO STAND UP FOR THE  
24 ENVIRONMENT AND TO DO THE RIGHT THING, AND I HOPE THAT YOU  
25 WILL DO THAT AS YOU HAVE DONE WITH AHMANSON RANCH. AS WELL, I





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1 WOULD LIKE TO ASK OF YOU THE SAME THING THAT WE ASKED THE  
2 VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BEFORE THEY VOTED ON THAT  
3 DEVELOPMENT, I WOULD ASK OF EACH ONE OF YOU, THAT YOU DISCLOSE  
4 ANY CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS FULLY BEFORE YOU TAKE  
5 YOUR VOTE TODAY, ANY DONATIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED FROM NEWHALL  
6 LAND AND FARMING AND THEIR OFFICERS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ROUTINELY DISCLOSE ALL DONATIONS AND  
9 THEY'RE FILED WITH THE STATE. YES, ROBERT VANDERHOFF.

10

11 **MELANIE WINTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MELANIE WINTER, I'M  
12 DIRECTOR OF THE RIVER PROJECT. AND WE'VE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED  
13 EXTENSIVE COMMENTS REGARDING THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR PRIOR  
14 HEARINGS. SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP IT SHORT AND TO THE  
15 POINT TODAY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED  
16 BY OTHERS HAS EXHIBITED DILIGENCE, EXERCISED DILIGENCE WITH  
17 REGARDS AHMANSON RANCH, AND I IMPORE YOU TO EXHIBIT  
18 EQUIVALENT ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DETAILS OF THE  
19 PROJECT BEFORE YOU IN YOUR OWN JURISDICTION. THIS COUNTY BOARD  
20 OF SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN WORKING FOR A DECADE THROUGH THE LOS  
21 ANGELES REMASTER PLAN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
22 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION ON EFFORTS THAT ARE DRIVEN  
23 LARGELY BY THE NEED TO AMELIORATED THE IMPACTS CREATED BY THE  
24 SINGLE PURPOSE PLANNING OF THE LAST CENTURY THAT CHANNELIZED  
25 THE LOS ANGELES RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES. IMPACTS LIKE



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1 DECREASED WATER QUALITY WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALL  
2 STRUGGLING TO FIND WAYS TO DEAL WITH RIGHT NOW UNDER COURT  
3 ORDER, INCREASED GROUNDWATER SUPPLY, DISRUPTIONS TO NATURAL  
4 SEDIMENT TRANSPORT IN A GEOLOGICALLY DYNAMIC AREA, LOSS OF  
5 CRITICAL HABITAT AND THE EXTRICATION OF NUMEROUS SPECIES THAT  
6 DEPEND ON THAT HABITAT. SANTA CLARA RIVER AFFORDS US THE  
7 OBVIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER AND AVOID THOSE NEGATIVE  
8 IMPACTS UP FRONT. THE SANTA CLARA RIVER IS CURRENTLY STILL  
9 FUNCTIONING AS A NATURAL RIVER WITHIN ITS NATURAL FLOODPLAIN  
10 AND IT SUPPORTS SOME OF THE LAST VIABLE HABITAT FOR NUMEROUS  
11 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES. THOSE OF US WHO ARE WORKING  
12 ON THE LOS ANGELES RIVER ARE STILL ABLE TO POINT TO THAT  
13 PHOTOGRAPH, WHICH I CARRY A DRIVER'S LICENSED-SIZE VERSION OF  
14 IT IN MY WALLET, WE'RE ABLE TO USE THAT IMAGE OF WHAT WE STILL  
15 HAVE JUST ACROSS THE HILL TO SHOW PEOPLE WHAT WE LOST ON THE  
16 LOS ANGELES BECAUSE FOR MOST PEOPLE IT'S DIFFICULT TO EVEN  
17 IMAGINE THAT WE ONCE HAD THAT. SANTA CLARA RIVER IS OUR LAST  
18 EXAMPLE OF THAT HERE. IF NEWHALL PROCEEDS, THAT WILL NOT LAST  
19 BEYOND MY LIFETIME. THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS THAT WE CAN CONSIDER  
20 UP FRONT NOW, WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE LONG-TERM COSTS OF  
21 DEVELOPING WITHIN FLOODPLAIN. THE FLOODPLAIN MODIFICATIONS  
22 THAT ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT AS PLANNED ARE NOT  
23 PROVEN AS VIABLE IN THE LONG-TERM. CHANNELIZING TRIBUTARIES  
24 UPSTREAM WILL INCREASE THE VOLUME AND VELOCITY OF DISCHARGE TO  
25 THE MAIN STEM OF THE RIVER. THE BURIED CONCRETE LEVIES



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1 PROPOSED FOR THE MAIN STEM ARE AT BEST A TEMPORARY AESTHETIC  
2 MEASURE, SORT OF LIKE PUTTING LIPSTICK ON A HOG. IT WILL  
3 INCREASE THE VOLUMES AND VELOCITIES ULTIMATELY WHICH WILL  
4 ERODE THE DIRT THAT COVERS THOSE BURIED LEVIES AND WE WILL BE  
5 LEFT WITH ANOTHER LOS ANGELES RIVER IN SHORT ORDER. WE ARE NOT  
6 OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND THE CREATION OF  
7 JOBS. WE SHARE THE DESIRE THAT'S BEEN UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED  
8 TODAY FOR A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, OUR DEFINITION OF  
9 "BALANCED" IS ONE THAT OPERATES UNDER THE INCLUSION OF  
10 SOMETHING THAT NECESSARILY TAKES IN ALL THE LARGER SYSTEM AS A  
11 WHOLE AND ECONOMICS -- ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, HUMAN SYSTEMS AND  
12 NATURAL SYSTEMS MUST BE GIVEN EQUIVALENT CONSIDERATION IN ANY  
13 EQUATION THAT CLAIMS TO RESULT IN BALANCED DEVELOPMENT. IT'S  
14 CLEAR FROM THE COMMENTS WE'RE GETTING LONGSTANDING AND ONGOING  
15 UNADDRESSED ISSUES BEFORE YOU RELATED TO THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE  
16 NATURAL SYSTEMS, GEOLOGICAL, HYDROLOGIC AND BIOTIC ARE NOT  
17 BEING GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR  
20 NAME, AND WOULD CHAP GRIFFIN COME FORWARD?

21

22 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MARCIA  
23 HANSCOM. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WETLANDS ACTION  
24 NETWORK, I'M ALSO ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE THE BOARD OF  
25 DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB NEARLY 800,000 MEMBERS



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1 ACROSS THIS COUNTRY REPRESENTING. AND I'D ASK YOU TO DENY THIS  
2 PROJECT DUE TO INADEQUATE REVIEW OF NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL  
3 ISSUES, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYWHERE WHERE  
4 A FEDERAL SECTION SEVEN CONSULTATION UNDER THE ENDANGERED  
5 SPECIES ACT HAS BEEN DONE PROPERLY FOR THE AROYO TOAD, THE SAN  
6 FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER OR THE LOS ANGELES SUNFLOWER.  
7 THIS PROJECT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN.  
8 IN ADDITION TO THIS LEGAL FLAW, IF YOU WANT TO BE NOT IN  
9 VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, THE  
10 COUNTY NEEDS TO PREPARE A SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
11 REPORT DUE TO NEW INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY  
12 STUDIED AS YOU HAVE HEARD TODAY. NEW LIQUEFACTION HAZARD MAPS,  
13 OIL FIELD SOIL CONTAMINATION, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER  
14 INFORMATION, LOS ANGELES SUNFLOWER, WATER POLLUTION, AND NOW  
15 WE ALSO HEAR ABOUT NEW EARTHQUAKE FAULTS. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE  
16 A LESSON FROM PLAYA VISTA, YOU WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS  
17 NOW. IN 1993, PLIA VISTA CERTIFIED, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
18 CERTIFIED THE FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND  
19 CONSULTANTS WORKING FOR THE DEVELOPER CONCEALED INFORMATION  
20 ABOUT SOIL CONTAMINATION AND EARTHQUAKE FAULTS. THOSE ISSUES  
21 CAME BACK TO HAUNT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE YEAR 2000,  
22 SEVEN YEARS LATER, WHEN NEW STUDIES HAD TO BE DONE AND THE  
23 PROJECT SIGNIFICANTLY HALTED FOR THAT INFORMATION TO BE DEALT  
24 WITH. DO YOU WANT THAT TO HAPPEN SEVEN YEARS LATER WHEN THE  
25 DEVELOPERS COME TO YOU AND TELL YOU HOW MUCH MONEY THEY'VE



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1 SPENT AND THEN HOLD YOU HOSTAGE FOR THAT? I DON'T THINK THAT  
2 THAT'S THE MOST PRUDENT WAY TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT.  
3 WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT BALANCE AND VISION HERE TODAY, AND I'D  
4 JUST LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL, EACH SUPERVISOR TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
5 THAT PHOTOGRAPH THERE FOR A MOMENT AND THINK ABOUT THE BALANCE  
6 THAT WE DON'T HAVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE NOT IN  
7 BALANCE, AND APPROVING THIS PROJECT IS NOWHERE NEAR GIVING THE  
8 KIND OF VISION THAT I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL CAPABLE OF. IF YOU  
9 WANT VISION, IF YOU WANT TO EXPRESS THE VISION THAT YOU COULD  
10 ALL REALLY SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP OF, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU  
11 CONSIDER GOING TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHERE THERE ARE  
12 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BONDS THAT WE ALL APPROVED THIS LAST  
13 NOVEMBER IN PROPOSITION 50 AND ASK TO ACQUIRE THIS LAND FOR A  
14 STATE PARK. HAVE A LEGACY HERE. MY GOOD FRIEND, GEORGE MILLSON  
15 OVER AT LATHAM AND WATKINS TELLS ME THERE'S ANOTHER BOND  
16 MEASURE IN THE PIPELINE, AND BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE  
17 WILLING TO VOTE FOR THIS PARK BOND MEASURES, HE WILL KEEP  
18 PUTTING THEM FORWARD UNTIL EVERY DEVELOPER IS PAID OUT. LET'S  
19 LET THAT HAPPEN HERE AND BUY THIS LAND FOR A PARK. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD GLENDA ROYBAL-  
22 YAKEL, COME FORWARD. YES. STATE YOUR NAMES.

23

24 **ROBERT VANDERHOOK:** MY NAME IS ROBERT VANDERHOOK. I LIVE IN LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY, AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S



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1 DISTRICT, A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A COUNTY  
2 SUPERVISOR'S MEETING BEFORE. I AM A SCIENTIST, I AM OPPOSED TO  
3 THE PROJECT FOR THE LACK OF THE FOLLOWING SCIENTIFIC METHODS  
4 ADVOCATED IN THE PROFESSIONAL FIELD OF CONSERVATION BIOLOGY  
5 THAT INCLUDE POPULATION VIABILITY ANALYSIS, WHICH IS LOOKING  
6 AT HOW PLANTS OR ANIMALS CAN SURVIVE IN THE FUTURE IN  
7 PERPETUITY IN THE CASE OF AN EXAMPLE WHERE A PARTICULAR  
8 WILDFLOWER MIGHT DEPEND ON AN INSECT THAT HAS TO TRAVEL TWO  
9 MILES FROM WHERE IT'S BORN IN THE GROUND TO VISIT A FLOWER,  
10 THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T SAVE AN ENDANGERED PLANT JUST BY SAVING  
11 THE AREA WHERE THE PLANT IS, BUT THE ADJOINING HABITAT WHICH  
12 CAN GO OUT FOR SOME DISTANCE IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS. I RESPECT  
13 THAT DARYL KOOTNIC IS HERE AS A SCIENTIST, AND ILEENE  
14 ANDERSON, A SCIENTIST FROM CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE WITH THE  
15 CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY PROVIDING YOU GOOD WORDS AND  
16 NOW I'D LIKE TO GO ON THE RECORD IN THAT WAY, TOO. I ALSO WANT  
17 TO POINT OUT THAT SCIENTISTS DO OPERATE WITH BIAS WITHIN THEIR  
18 SOCIAL SOCIETY THAT THEY'RE IN. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY VOTE FOR  
19 CANDIDATES AND THEY CAN STILL BE A SCIENTIST AND SO YOU HAVE  
20 TO LOOK AT WHO YOUR SCIENTISTS ARE AND WHAT THEY'RE PROVIDING  
21 TO YOU AS INFORMATION. AND IN THAT SENSE, YOU NEED TO HEAR  
22 MORE FROM SCIENTISTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY. THE PLANT  
23 I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU FOR A SECOND NOW BEFORE MY TIME RUNS  
24 OUT, BECAUSE WE ONLY GET THREE MINUTES, AND I HAVE A LOT TO  
25 SAY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO ALL NINE PLANTS SPECIES THAT





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1 ILEENE ANDERSON OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY BROUGHT UP BUT I'M  
2 GOING TO FOCUS ON ONE THAT'S FALLEN THROUGH THE CRACKS SO TO  
3 SPEAK, BECAUSE SCIENTISTS ARE RIGHT NOW, I'VE SPOKEN TO  
4 SEVERAL SCIENTISTS WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON THIS PLANT.  
5 IT'S THE LOS ANGELES SUNFLOWER. IT WAS IN THE DAILY NEWS AND  
6 THE L.A. TIMES AND IT WILL SOON BE AT ONE POINT, EMERGENCY  
7 LISTED EITHER THROUGH LAWSUIT OR THROUGH THE AGENCIES  
8 FORTHRIGHTNESS TO LIST THIS PLANT. IT NEEDS HABITAT IN THE  
9 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ON THE RIVER AND IN SWAMPY AREAS UP TO  
10 SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET, MAYBE A HALF A MILE ON EITHER SIDE OF  
11 THE RIVER. THE LOS ANGELES SUNFLOWER IS DESCRIBED BY SOME AS  
12 HAVING A MUDDY TAXONOMY AS SCIENTISTS, BUT THEY'RE TOLD THAT  
13 THEY'RE UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE  
14 DEVELOPERS HERE, SO THEY INCLUDE EVEN ANDY SAUNDERS AT U.C.  
15 RIVERSIDE, SO EVEN UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS CAN BE IN CONFLICT  
16 HERE. THE LOS ANGELES SUNFLOWER ONCE OCCURRED ON THE SANTA ANA  
17 RIVER, SAN GABRIEL RIVER, LOS ANGELES RIVER AND BIONA RIVER,  
18 AND IT'S EXTINCT ON ALL THOSE RIVERS, IT'S BEEN THOUGHT TO BE  
19 EXTINCT FOR NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AND ITS NEW DISCOVERY ON  
20 THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, THE VALENCIA AREA INDICATES THAT WE  
21 HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THIS SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION AND  
22 IT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AND START OVER AGAIN WITH THE E.I.R.,  
23 AND I DON'T FEEL AS A SCIENTIST THAT MITIGATION CAN PLAY A  
24 ROLE IN SAVING THIS SPECIES. IT JUST NEEDS TO BE UNDER THE  
25 VISION THAT YOU HEARD WITH MARCIA HANSCOM BECOMING A PRESERVE,



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1 A PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE JUST NEED TO  
2 HAVE MORE SCIENCE, MORE OPEN SPACE AND IF WE'RE GOING TO  
3 GENUINELY PROTECT OUR NATIVE SPECIES AND THOSE THAT ARE  
4 ENDANGERED ON ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTS, WE NEED TO REEVALUATE  
5 THIS AND DO A NEW E.I.R. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. GREEN, AND THEN  
8 GLENDA ROYBAL-YAKEL WILL BE THE LAST SPEAKER.

9

10 **CHAD GRIFFIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
11 CHAD GRIFFIN AND I'M THE VICE CHAIR OF THE RALLY TO SAVE  
12 AHMANSON RANCH AND ITS CAMPAIGN MANAGER. I'M ALSO HERE TODAY  
13 REPRESENTING OUR CO-CHAIRS, ROB REINER AND CHRIS ALBRECHT.  
14 FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
15 DOING THE RIGHT THING AND TAKING SUCH A LEADERSHIP ROLE,  
16 PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHO WHEN WE WIN THIS  
17 BATTLE AND PRESERVE THIS LAND, IT WILL BE IN LARGE PART TO  
18 THIS BOARD AND PARTICULARLY YOUR LEADERSHIP ON OUR BEHALF. I  
19 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR STEVE BENNETT WHO CAME OUT  
20 OF VENTURA COUNTY AS THE TRUE HERO AND THE ONE WHO WAS WILLING  
21 TO STAND UP TO A LARGE DEVELOPER AS WE HAVE HERE IN THIS CASE.  
22 WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SHOW A UNITED FRONT IN OUR EFFORTS TO STOP  
23 TWO OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST IRRESPONSIBLE AND  
24 ENVIRONMENTALLY DEVASTATING DEVELOPMENTS, NEWHALL RANCH AND  
25 WASHINGTON MUTUAL'S AHMANSON RANCH DEVELOPMENT. THERE ARE MANY



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1 SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THESE DEVELOPMENTS. BOTH DESTROY  
2 SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL HABITAT, BOTH THREATEN ENDANGERED  
3 SPECIES, BOTH ARE CLASSIC EXAMPLES OF VAST URBAN SPRAWL. BOTH  
4 WILL FURTHER CROWD OUR SCHOOLS, BOTH WILL FURTHER POLLUTE OUR  
5 AIR AND WATER, BOTH WILL FURTHER IMPACT OUR TRAFFIC ON  
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST CONGESTED FREEWAYS AND CONNECTER  
7 ROADS AND PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, AS I THINK YOU SAW  
8 EARLIER THIS MORNING, BOTH DEVELOPERS HAVE SHOWN A RECKLESS  
9 DISREGARD FOR THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS, COMMUNITIES, AND  
10 THE PEOPLE OF THE REGIONS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BOTH  
11 DEVELOPERS, AS YOU HAVE ALSO SEEN, HAVE SPENT HUNDREDS OF  
12 THOUSANDS AND, IN SOME CASES, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO HIRE  
13 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANTS, LOBBYISTS, AND A CAMPAIGN TO NOT  
14 ONLY MISLEAD YOU BUT TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC. LET ME CLOSE BY  
15 SAYING THAT I, IN OUR COALITION, BELIEVES IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
16 YOU TO BE FOR ONE DEVELOPMENT AND AGAINST THE OTHER. WE WOULD  
17 URGE YOU TO ACT RESPONSIBLY AND, UNLIKE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE  
18 VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DO THE RIGHT THING, DO  
19 WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT, DO WHAT YOU WOULD GO HOME AND BE PROUD  
20 TO JUSTIFY TO YOUR CHILDREN AND TO YOUR GRANDCHILDREN WHEN  
21 EXPLAINING THIS VOTE TODAY. YOU HAVE A CHOICE AND IT'S SIMPLE.  
22 YOU CAN EITHER SIDE WITH AN IRRESPONSIBLE DEVELOPER OR YOU CAN  
23 SIDE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION OF  
24 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT CLEARLY DO NOT WANT THIS CLASSIC  
25 EXAMPLE OF URBAN SPRAWL. I WOULD URGE YOU TO MAKE US PROUD AND



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1 DO THE RIGHT THING. YOU WILL BE HELPING TODAY TO DETERMINE  
2 YOUR LEGACY. I PROMISE, JUST AS FOUR MEMBERS OF THAT VENTURA  
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED BY  
4 THEIR VOTE ON AHMANSON RANCH, EACH OF YOU WILL BE FOREVER  
5 REMEMBERED BY YOUR VOTE WITH REGARDS TO NEWHALL RANCH, AND  
6 I'LL JUST CLOSE BY SAYING VENTURA COUNTY, THE RESIDENTS AND  
7 VOTERS OF VENTURA COUNTY GOT SMART SOME TIME AGO AND THEY  
8 REALIZED THAT THEY COULDN'T TRUST THEIR VENTURA COUNTY BOARD  
9 OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARDS TO PLANNING AND APPROVALS OF LARGE  
10 SCALE DEVELOPMENTS, SO THE VENTURA COUNTY VOTERS TOOK IT IN  
11 THEIR OWN HANDS AND PASSED THE SORE INITIATIVE. IT'S BEEN  
12 DEBATED WHETHER IT'S GOOD OR BAD. I THINK MOST WOULD BE SAY  
13 THAT IT MIGHT BE BEST WHEN LEFT TO THE HANDS OF THE  
14 PROFESSIONALS TO MAKE OUR PLANNING DECISIONS. HOWEVER, THE  
15 VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED A NUMBER OF  
16 EXTREMELY UNPOPULAR AND UNWARRANTED DEVELOPMENTS AND THEREFORE  
17 THE VOTERS TOOK IT INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. I THINK THAT IF THIS  
18 DEVELOPMENT IS ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD, YOU WILL SEE THE  
19 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALSO MOVING TO DO A SIMILAR  
20 INITIATIVE. I URGE YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU VERY  
21 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOHANNA ZETTERBERG AND SHELLEY  
24 LUCE WERE NOT CALLED. PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES.

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1 **GLENDA ROYBAL-YAKAL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS GLENDA ROYBAL-YAKEL,  
2 AND I MUST SAY IN THE LAST TWO HOURS THAT I SAT HERE I HAVE  
3 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING THE MOST RUDEST GROUP OF PEOPLE  
4 SITTING UP HERE, I'M SORRY, BUT THAT WAS MY OPINION. I'M HERE  
5 TO TALK IN REGARDS TO THIS PROJECT WHICH I AM VERY OPPOSED TO,  
6 FOR A FEW REASONS. ONE, WE HAVE NO SCHOOLS. TWO, WE DON'T HAVE  
7 ANY WATER. UNLESS THIS BOARD HERE PLANS ON SEEDING THE CLOUDS  
8 ON OUR NEXT RAINS, I SUGGEST THAT YOU DO NOT APPROVE THIS  
9 PLAN. I SAT IN CLASS BEFORE I ATTENDED -- I CAME DOWN TO THESE  
10 MEETING WITH A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO WAS HOMESCHOOLED BECAUSE  
11 THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS IN OUR AREA. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE A FEW  
12 MONTHS AGO TO SIT WITH MISS MARLEY LOWFUR OF NEWHALL LAND AND  
13 FARM JUST TO SEE IF SHE COULD LIE IN MY FACE ABOUT THE OLD  
14 GLORY PROJECT, AND SHE DID A TREMENDOUSLY WELL JOB OF LYING TO  
15 ME. SHE WAS WONDERFUL. I APPLAUD HER FOR THAT. I HAVE NO DOUBT  
16 IN MY MIND THAT THIS E.I.R. REPORT IS TAPED TOGETHER AND GLUED  
17 TOGETHER WITH PERMA BOND AND DUCT TAPE AND IF YOU APPROVE THIS  
18 PROJECT, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE, ON THE NEXT ELECTIONS,  
19 REMOVE YOURSELVES OFF THE BALLOT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **JOHANNA ZETTERBERG:** MY NAME IS JOHANNA ZETTERBERG, I AM  
24 CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR L.A. COUNTY FOR THE  
25 SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER, AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF



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1 THE 57,000 MEMBERS IN THE ANGELES CHAPTER. I THINK THAT  
2 EVERYONE WOULD AGREE THAT HOUSING IS A CRITICAL ISSUE RIGHT  
3 NOW IN CALIFORNIA AND IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BUT NEW SPRAWL  
4 RANCH IS INDICATIVE OF THE OPPOSITE KIND OF PLANNING THAT WE  
5 NEED TO BE DOING. WE NEED TO BE FOCUSING ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
6 THAT CONCENTRATES VITALITY INTO OUR URBAN AREAS, NOT LUXURY  
7 COOKIE CUTTER HOMES THAT SPRAWL OUT CAUSING US TO LOSE THE  
8 UNIQUE AND RICH BIODIVERSITY OF THIS AREA AND LOSE THE  
9 VITALITY OF OUR URBAN CENTERS. THE SIERRA CLUB IS GRAVELY  
10 CONCERNED ABOUT NEW SPRAWL RANCH, BUT ALSO YOUR ABILITY AS  
11 SUPERVISORS TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF  
12 THIS PROJECT BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION. NOW, I WOULD STRONGLY  
13 ENCOURAGE AND URGE YOU TO KILL THIS PROJECT RIGHT NOW, BUT IF  
14 YOU'RE NOT PREPARED TO DO THAT, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DELAY  
15 HEARINGS ON THIS PROJECT UNTIL THE E.I.R. CAN REFLECT THE FULL  
16 DISCLOSURE THAT IS THE LAW AND IS THE POINT OF THE WHOLE  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. SPECIFICALLY, THIS REDONE E.I.R.  
18 MUST INCLUDE DISCOVERY OF THE ENDANGERED SPINE FLOWER AND THE  
19 ENDANGERED AROYO TOAD IN THE PROJECT AREA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
20 TIME, AND I DO HAVE SOME MATERIALS HERE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO  
21 THE SUPERVISORS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES PLEASE STATE YOUR  
24 NAME.

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1   **SHELLEY LUCE:** I'M SHELLY LUCE, STAFF SCIENTIST AT HEAL THE  
2   BAY. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF THIS PROJECT ON  
3   WATER QUALITY AND AQUATIC LIFE IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND  
4   COASTAL WATERS OF CALIFORNIA. A PROJECT OF THIS SIZE PLANNED  
5   FOR THE FLOODPLAIN OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER MUST INCLUDE  
6   SPECIFIC WATER QUALITY AND AQUATIC HABITAT MITIGATION MEASURES  
7   TO PROTECT THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA, OR S.A.E. 23.  
8   SIMPLY MEETING SUSAM AND GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT  
9   REQUIREMENTS IS NOT ENOUGH. THOSE REQUIREMENTS WERE DESIGNED  
10  FOR AVERAGE-SIZED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, NOT FOR PROJECTS ON  
11  SUCH A MASSIVE SCALE AS THIS OR FOR PROJECTS IN LOCATIONS AS  
12  VALUABLE AND SENSITIVE AS THE FLOODPLAIN OF AN IMPORTANT RIVER  
13  RESOURCE AND A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA. THE PROPONENTS  
14  MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT INCREASE LOADS  
15  OF CHLORIDE OR NUTRIENTS TO THE RIVER. THE SANTA CLARA RIVER  
16  IS ALREADY IMPAIRED AND LISTED ON THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION  
17  303-D LIST FOR THESE POLLUTANTS. THERE'S A CHLORIDE T.M.D.L.  
18  IN PLACE AND A T.M.D.L FOR NUTRIENTS IS BEING DEVELOPED. HOW  
19  WILL RUNOFF FROM URBAN, RESIDENTIAL AND GOLF COURSE AREAS  
20  IMPACT NITROGEN AND CHLORIDE LEVELS IN THE CREEK? THIS MUST BE  
21  SPELLED OUT IN THE E.I.R., INCLUDING NUTRIENT LOADS EXPECTED  
22  FROM THE DEVELOPMENT. THE NEW WATER RECLAMATION PLANT WILL  
23  POSE FURTHER WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS. IT WILL DISCHARGE 6.9  
24  MILLION GALLONS PER DAY DIRECTLY TO THE RIVER. SPRAY  
25  IRRIGATION WITH RECLAIMED WATER NEAR THE RIVER WILL ADD MORE



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1 FLOW THROUGH SHALLOW GROUNDWATER. THE MALIBU CREEK NUTRIENT  
2 T.M.D.L. CAME OUT YESTERDAY WITH AN ALLOCATION OF ZERO  
3 NUTRIENTS FOR SPRAY IRRIGATION FROM THE TREATMENT PLANT IN  
4 MALIBU'S WATERSHED. THIS MEANS NO NITROGEN RICH IRRIGATION  
5 WATER MAY REACH THE CREEK THROUGH ANY MEANS AT ANY TIME. THIS  
6 PROJECT NEEDS A PLAN FOR REDUCING NITROGEN IN ALL DISCHARGES,  
7 SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE TO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND THE WATER  
8 RECLAMATION PLANT THAT NEWHALL PROPOSES MAY SOON FACE SIMILAR  
9 RESTRICTIONS. THE PLAN TO REDUCE NITROGEN AND ALL DISCHARGES  
10 MUST BE INCLUDED AS LEGALLY BINDING MITIGATION IN THE E.I.R.  
11 INCREASED FLOWS TO THE RIVER HAVE NOT BEEN MITIGATED. THE  
12 NATIVE SPECIES OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER RELYING ON THE S.E.A.  
13 23 EVOLVED WITH THIS RIVER'S NATURAL FLOW REGIME. INCREASING  
14 FLOWS FROM URBAN RUNOFF AND TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGES CAN  
15 DISRUPT BREEDING AND MIGRATION CYCLES AND SERIOUSLY IMPACT  
16 ENDANGERED SPECIES LIKE THE UNARMED THREE SPINE STICKLE  
17 BACK. ANY INCREASE IN FLOW CAN ALSO CAUSE EROSION AND  
18 SEDIMENTATION PROBLEMS DOWNSTREAM. FLOW INCREASES MUST BE  
19 AVOIDED OR ADEQUATELY MITIGATED TO PREVENT WATER QUALITY AND  
20 AQUATIC LIFE IMPACTS. HARDENING OF STREAM BANKS CAUSES WATER  
21 QUALITY PROBLEMS EVERY TIME IT OCCURS. CONCRETE BANKS ALTER  
22 FLOWS IN THE RIVER, SCOURING ERODES THE STREAM BANK AND BED  
23 DOWNSTREAM OF EVERY HARD STRUCTURE THAT IS PLACED AND FURTHER  
24 CONCRETE ENDS UP BEING REQUIRED ALL THE WAY DOWN THE REST OF  
25 THE WATER SHED. THE SCOURED MATERIAL, WHICH IS MOSTLY SAND



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1 DEPOSITS ELSEWHERE COVERING UP OTHER VALUABLE HABITAT. SO  
2 HABITAT IS DESTROYED AT THE LOCATION OF HARDENING AND FOR MANY  
3 MILES DOWNSTREAM. THIS HAS TO BE ADDRESSED AND MITIGATED IN  
4 THIS E-I.R. QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC VITALITY DEPEND ON  
5 HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND THE SANTA CLARA RIVER IS AN INTEGRATED  
6 PART OF THAT. YOU MUST REQUIRE STRONGER, MORE SPECIFIC  
7 MITIGATION TO PROTECT THE RIVER FROM THE IMPACTS OF  
8 CONSTRUCTION, URBAN RUNOFF, SEWAGE PLANT DISCHARGES AND STREAM  
9 BANK HARDENING ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO CALL IN  
13 REBUTTAL ONE WITNESS, AND THAT IS FROM THE STATE OF  
14 CALIFORNIA, JOSEPH EDMISTON. AND I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WAITING A  
15 LONG TIME HERE, BUT WE'VE TRIED TO DO IT IN AN ORDERLY WAY,  
16 BUT WE WOULD HAVE CALLED YOU OUT OF ORDER IF WE NEED TO.

17

18 **JOSEPH EDMISTON:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, JOSEPH EDMISTON,  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY.  
20 IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO APPEAR BEFORE THIS BOARD. THIS BOARD  
21 HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT FOR OPEN SPACE IN SOUTHERN  
22 CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SO IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT  
23 I KNOW THAT I'M SPEAKING TO PRETTY MUCH A CONVINCED AUDIENCE  
24 ABOUT OPEN SPACE. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE STATE  
25 TREASURY, THERE AREN'T ENOUGH BOND MEASURES TO BUY ALL THE



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1    IMPORTANT PROPERTIES, AND WHEN YOU DO HAVE A PROPERTY THAT HAS  
2    COME FORWARD WITH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE, AS THIS  
3    PROPERTY HAS, THAT IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO TAKE INTO  
4    CONSIDERATION. AND THE 4200 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE REPRESENTS A  
5    SECOND LARGEST PUBLIC OPEN SPACE DONATION IN THE SANTA MONICA  
6    MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AREA. THE ISSUE HERE IS EVEN MORE  
7    SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE PROBABLY THE SANTA CLARITA WOODLANDS  
8    REPRESENTS THE PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST SUPERIOR ECOLOGICAL  
9    AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THAT WAS THE  
10   REASON IT WAS ADDED IN 1990 TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
11   CONSERVANCY'S JURISDICTION. SO YOU'RE GETTING REALLY PRISTINE,  
12   VERY IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE WITH THIS PROJECT. I WOULD LIKE TO  
13   ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE SALT CREEK WATERSHED. THAT IS  
14   ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA OF THE HIGH  
15   COUNTRY. WE RECOMMEND AND WE HAVE ANALYZED THIS OPEN SPACE,  
16   OPEN SPACE, PROBABLY WE HAVE THE UNDISPUTED, THE BEST OPEN  
17   SPACE EXPERTS IN THIS CITY, AND WE THINK THAT THIS IS AN  
18   APPROPRIATE MITIGATION MEASURE FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT AND  
19   SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIFIC PLAN. NOW, THE APPLICANT  
20   HAS SAID WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM, WE'VE GOT ALL OF THESE OTHER  
21   TRACT MAPS TO GO THROUGH. BASICALLY THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO  
22   IMPOSE THAT KIND OF A MITIGATION MEASURE. WE WOULD URGE THAT  
23   THIS BOARD STATE VERY CLEARLY THAT IT'S THE APPROPRIATE  
24   MITIGATION MEASURE BUT HAVE THE TRIGGERING MECHANISM, THE  
25   APPROVAL OF THE CONTIGUOUS TRACT MAP, SO THAT DOES GIVE SOME



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1    ASSURANCE TO THE APPLICANT THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE  
2    DEFEASED OF THEIR PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY, BUT IT ALSO GIVES THE  
3    ASSURANCE THAT YOU HAVE MADE THE APPROPRIATE NEXUS BETWEEN THE  
4    MAJOR ACTION YOU WILL TAKE HERE AND THE PROTECTION OF AN EXTRA  
5    TERRITORIAL 1,500 ACRES, AND OUR CONCERN IS THAT YOU WOULD NOT  
6    HAVE THAT NEXUS WITH ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALIZED TRACT MAP  
7    IF THAT WAS TO BE DONE IN THE FUTURE. WE'D BE HAPPY TO WORK  
8    WITH THE VARIOUS STAFFS INVOLVED TO CRAFT THE EXACT LANGUAGE  
9    OF THIS, BUT AGAIN, WE THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD SOLUTION  
10   UNDER THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY  
11   MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I APPRECIATE THE ABILITY TO COME BACK  
12   AFTER ORDER AND SPEAK TO THIS BODY. THANK YOU.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH I WANT TO ASK THE, I GUESS THE PUBLIC  
17   WORKS RELATIVE TO THE ISSUE OF WATER THAT WAS RAISED BY MISS  
18   PLAMBECK, THAT THE WATER REPORT HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED,  
19   RECOGNIZING THAT THESE ISSUES WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE  
20   SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, IS THERE ANY INFORMATION IN  
21   THE LATEST REPORT THAT SUGGESTS THAT THE AGRICULTURAL WATERS  
22   CURRENTLY USED BY THE APPLICANT WOULD NOT BE A SUFFICIENT  
23   SUPPLY AND QUALITY TO MEET THE PROPOSED PROJECT AS PROPOSED,  
24   OKAY.

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1   **DEAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS  
2   "NO," AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT IF YOU SWITCH THE USE  
3   FROM AG WATER TO MUNICIPAL WATER USE, THERE WILL NOT BE A  
4   SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE WATER LEVELS OR THE DEGRADATION OF  
5   THE WATER QUALITY. WATER QUALITY WILL BE MEETING ALL THE  
6   DRINKING WATER STANDARDS.

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8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, DEAN.

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10   **DEAN:** YEAH MY NAME IS DEAN F. STIFEEL, I'M DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR  
11   THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE WORKED EXTENSIVELY ON  
12   THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SPECIFICALLY ON THE WATER  
13   ISSUES. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE PREVIOUS REPORT, THE WATER  
14   REPORT DATED 2001 SPECIFICALLY INDICATES THAT THE NEWHALL LAND  
15   AND FARMING COMPANY THAT WE'RE USING 13,000 ACRE FEET OF  
16   WATER. SO WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO RIGHT NOW, INSTEAD OF  
17   USING 13,000, 7,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER WILL BE USED FOR THIS  
18   PROJECT, LEAVING ANOTHER 5,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER TO BE USED  
19   FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS IN THE LAST  
20   30 YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN NO GROUNDWATER LEVELS -- REDUCTIONS  
21   IN GROUNDWATER LEVELS AND NO DEGRADATION OF THE BASIN. THERE  
22   HAS BEEN SOME FLUCTUATIONS FROM YEAR TO YEAR, BUT NOTHING  
23   SIGNIFICANT TO INDICATE ANY TRENDS THAT THE GROUNDWATER LEVELS  
24   OR THE WATER QUALITY HAS BEEN DEGRADED.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, AND STARK, RELATIVE TO THE ISSUE OF  
2    EARTHQUAKES, FAULTS?

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4    **LEE STARK:** THE EARTHQUAKE FAULT MENTIONED THE OAK RIDGE FAULT  
5    WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL E.I.R. GEOLOGIC CHAPTER, AS I  
6    RECALL. I DON'T RECALL THE DETAILS. THAT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO,  
7    BUT I DO KNOW THAT THAT FAULT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE  
8    ORIGINAL MATERIAL.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, I KNOW THERE WAS SOME MENTION OF THE  
11   AHMANSON PROJECT AND THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT. LET ME JUST  
12   SAY THAT THE ANALYSIS OF THE NEWHALL RANCH WAS MUCH MORE  
13   CONSERVATIVE THAN THAT PERFORMED BY THE AHMANSON RANCH  
14   PROJECT. NEWHALL RANCH, WHICH IS EIGHT TIMES THE SIDES OF  
15   AHMANSON RANCH, PRODUCES ONLY ONE-FIFTH OF THE TRAFFIC INTO  
16   VENTURA COUNTY AS AHMANSON RANCH PRODUCES IN L.A. COUNTY. 81%  
17   OF THE PROJECT TRAFFIC OF AHMANSON WILL TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES  
18   COUNTY. THAT'S AN AVERAGE OF 37,540 DAILY TRIPS. THE NEWHALL  
19   RANCH PROPOSAL IS 2% OF THE PROJECT'S TRAFFIC TRAVELS TO  
20   VENTURA COUNTY, AN AVERAGE OF 7,000 DAILY TRIPS, RELATIVE TO  
21   THE ISSUE OF METHODOLOGIES ON FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS, L.A.  
22   COUNTY USES A MORE CONSERVATIVE METHOD. THE E.I.R. FOR NEWHALL  
23   RANCH INCLUDES AN ANALYSIS OF USING BOTH COUNTY'S  
24   METHODOLOGIES WHILE THE AHMANSON PROJECT USES ONLY VENTURA  
25   COUNTY'S METHODOLOGY. RELATIVE TO NEWHALL, THE PROCESS IS JUST



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1 BEGINNING AND THERE ARE NO HOMES BEING APPROVED TODAY TO BE  
2 CONSTRUCTED. AHMANSON HAS JUST APPROVED ITS FINAL REVIEW AND  
3 THAT MEANS THEY CAN BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY. NEWHALL  
4 RANCH MUST GO THROUGH MANY MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ANALYSIS  
5 OF WATER, TRAFFIC AND OTHER ISSUES. NEWHALL RANCH ALSO ALLOWS  
6 AN ORDERLY, GENERAL LAYOUT THAT IMMEDIATELY PROTECTS HALF OF  
7 THE PROPERTY IN THE PERMANENT OPEN SPACE WHILE ALLOWING FOR  
8 MORE DETAILED DESIGN, REVIEW, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATIONS  
9 BEFORE ANY HOME CAN BE BUILT. NEWHALL RANCH IS A LOGICAL  
10 EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING URBAN AREA SITUATED WITH ACCESS TO A  
11 MAJOR STATE HIGHWAY AND FREEWAY AND ITS LAND USE IS A BALANCE  
12 OF HOMES, JOBS, PUBLIC SERVICES, FIVE COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOOD  
13 COMMUNITIES LINKED BY TRAILS, BIKEWAYS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
14 GOOD PUBLIC TRANSIT INCLUDING LIGHT RAIL. IT'S BALANCED WITH  
15 JOBS AND HOUSING SO THAT PEOPLE ARE LESS LIKELY TO LEAVE THE  
16 PROJECT, AND THESE ARE SOME PROJECTS -- OR PROPOSALS THAT HAVE  
17 NEVER BEEN -- OR COMPARISONS THAT HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN MADE.  
18 LET ME READ A MOTION. TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS DOES NOT INVOLVE, AS  
19 I SAID, THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT EXCEPT FOR A WATER  
20 RECLAMATION PLANT. BEFORE US TODAY IS ONLY THE CONSIDERATION  
21 OF A SPECIFIC PLAN. ISSUANCE OF ALL RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL,  
22 AND INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL FURTHER  
23 ZONING APPLICATIONS AND APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS  
24 ARE FILED AND CONSIDERED BY THE COUNTY THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS  
25 WHICH INVOLVES YOU, THE PUBLIC. AS THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD



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1 WILL RECALL, THIS PROJECT WAS FIRST APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN  
2 1999 AFTER IT RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. AND AT THAT TIME, WE REQUIRED THE  
4 APPLICANT TO MAKE A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS. WE ASKED  
5 FOR AND REQUIRED A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF GRADING AND THE  
6 OVERALL NUMBER OF UNITS. OTHER CHANGES INCLUDED ENHANCEMENTS  
7 OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS PACKAGE. THIS INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT  
8 FOR THE ACCELERATED DEDICATION OF 6.2-MILE SQUARE MILE HIGH  
9 COUNTRY OPEN SPACE AREA AND CONSTRUCTION OF A RELATED HIGH  
10 COUNTRY TRAIL. THE HIGH COUNTRY OPEN SPACE AREA WILL BE  
11 MANAGED BY A JOINT POWER AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY, THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, AND THE SANTA MONICA  
13 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, AND, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE ABOUT THE  
14 SIZE OF OUR LOCAL GRIFFITH PARK IN LOS ANGELES CITY. THE TRAIL  
15 IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 24 MONTHS OF THE APPROVAL OF THE  
16 SPECIFIC PLAN. THERE ARE EACH ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE  
17 TO THE RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
18 VALLEY. ANOTHER IMPORTANT MITIGATION WAS THE REQUIREMENT THAT  
19 THE APPLICANT REACH MITIGATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL  
20 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHICH WAS DONE. THE BOARD ALSO IMPOSED A  
21 SERIES OF CONDITIONS REQUIRING THE RESERVATION OF A HALF-MILE  
22 BUFFER BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT AREA AND VENTURA COUNTY, AND AN  
23 AGGRESSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT AS PART OF THE  
24 DEVELOPMENT. AS A RESULT OF THE BOARD'S ACTION IN 1999, THE  
25 FINAL DESIGN INCLUDED 51% OF THE SITE AS PERMANENT OPEN SPACE



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1 WITH 12 PARKS, THREE FIRE STATIONS, A LIBRARY AND FIVE SCHOOL  
2 SITES WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT. SUBSEQUENT TO THE BOARD'S  
3 APPROVAL, FOUR LAWSUITS WERE FILED BY THE OPPONENTS OF THE  
4 PROJECT. THEY WERE CONSOLIDATED AND HEARD BY A KEARN COUNTY  
5 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. THE JUDGE, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
6 TRIAL UPHELD THE BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE  
7 FINAL E.I.R. FOR THE PROJECT EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO SIX  
8 DISCRETE ISSUES. AS A RESULT, THE JUDGE INSTRUCTED THE COUNTY  
9 TO PARTIALLY VOID ITS CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL E.I.R. AND  
10 ITS APPROVAL OF THE NEWHALL RANCH ENTITLEMENTS AND TO CONDUCT  
11 ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS ON SIX SEPARATE ISSUES, INCLUDING TRAFFIC  
12 IMPACTS IN VENTURA COUNTY, IMPACTS OF ADDITIONAL WILDLIFE  
13 MIGRATION AND THE SALT CREEK CORRIDOR, IMPACTS AND BIOLOGICAL  
14 RESOURCES IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, AN ALTERNATIVE OFF-RIVER  
15 LOCATION FOR PROPOSED WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND THE  
16 AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLIES. THIS WAS DONE AND  
17 FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL HEARINGS, THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
18 COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT WE APPROVE THE  
19 REVISIONS TO THE FINAL E.I.R. AND APPROVE THE SPECIFIC PLAN  
20 WITH SOME SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AND MITIGATION  
21 MEASURES. SUBSEQUENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION,  
22 ADDITIONAL POPULATIONS OF THE SAN FERNANDO SPINE FLOWER, ONCE  
23 THOUGHT AS EXTINCT, WERE FOUND ON PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY.  
24 CONSEQUENTLY, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT AN ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF  
25 THE DEVELOPMENT'S IMPACT ON THE SPINE FLOWER WAS REQUIRED. THE



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1 APPLICANT ALSO DECIDED TO FURTHER REVISE THE WATER SUPPLY PLAN  
2 TO ELIMINATE RELIANCE ON SOME STATE WATER PROJECT WATER, THE  
3 AVAILABILITY OF WHICH HAS BEEN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY CALLED  
4 INTO QUESTION. THESE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS WERE COMPLETED AND  
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING FOUND THAT THEY WERE  
6 FACTUAL AND COMPLETED, AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT BEFORE THEY WERE CIRCULATED FOR  
8 PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT. THIS ANALYSIS RESULTED IN  
9 ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS TO THE PROJECT'S MITIGATION  
10 PROGRAMS. THE APPLICANT WILL NO LONGER RELY UPON STATE WATER  
11 PROJECT. AT THE SITE IS CONVERTED FROM AGRICULTURE USE TO  
12 URBAN USES, THE WATER USED FOR AGRICULTURAL USES WILL BE USED  
13 TO SATISFY THE INITIAL STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT. ONCE THESE  
14 SUPPLIES ARE FULLY COMMITTED, SUPPLIES OBTAINED FROM THE  
15 NICHOL FAMILY LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION AND KERN COUNTY  
16 WILL BE DRAWN UPON TO FILL THE REMAINING NEEDS. THE NICHOL  
17 WATER SUPPLIES AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 1607 ACRE FEET OF WATER  
18 EACH YEAR AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATIONS THAT CAN OCCUR  
19 IN DRY YEARS, ACCORDING TO STAFF. THE NICHOL WATER WILL ALSO  
20 BE AVAILABLE FOR STORAGE PRIOR TO ACTUAL NEED IN GROUNDWATER  
21 STORAGE FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.  
22 THE APPLICANT HAS ALSO TAKEN SEVERAL OTHER STEPS TO ENHANCE  
23 THE LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES, INCLUDING OBTAINING AN ADDITIONAL  
24 7648-ACRE FEET OF WATER PROJECT SUPPLIES FROM LANDOWNERS  
25 SERVED THROUGH THE KEARN COUNTY WATER AGENCY. ANOTHER 4950



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1 ACRE FEET OF SUPPLY FROM THE SEMI-TROPIC WATER STORAGE  
2 DISTRICT FOR USE IN DRY YEARS. I'M ADVISED THAT THE ISSUES  
3 RAISED BY THE UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WERE SETTLED  
4 AND THAT THE DISTRICT NO LONGER OPPOSES THE APPROVAL OF THE  
5 SPECIFIC PLAN BEFORE US TODAY. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPINE  
6 FLOWER ISSUES, THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO DEDICATE 64-  
7 ACRE SPINE FLOWER PRESERVE, AN AREA EQUAL TO 10 TIMES THE  
8 AMOUNT OF LAND ACTUALLY INHABITED BY THE PLANT. AND MOREOVER,  
9 A SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED FOR  
10 INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF THE PROJECT. ADDITIONAL SURVEYS AND  
11 MITIGATION PROGRAMS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
12 STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME TO ENSURE THE PLANT'S  
13 PROTECTION. STAFF IS ALSO RECOMMENDED AND I SUPPORT A SERIES  
14 OF OTHER MITIGATIONS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS SPINE FLOWER ISSUES,  
15 INCLUDING FURTHER SPINE FLOWER PRESERVES AS WELL AS A NUMBER  
16 OF OTHER MEASURES DISCUSSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS.  
17 HOWEVER, I ALSO AM RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL REVISIONS TO THE  
18 SPECIFIC PLAN AND MITIGATIONS, INCLUDING FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN  
19 THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND THE AMOUNT OF  
20 COMMERCIAL AND OPEN SPACE. SINCE SOME OF THE AREAS PREVIOUSLY  
21 SLATED FOR DEVELOPMENT ARE NOW WITHIN THAT 64 ACRES OF SPINE  
22 FLOWER PRESERVE AGREED TO BY THE APPLICANT AND THE STATE.  
23 THESE AREAS SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS DEVELOPABLE AREAS. STAFF  
24 HAS ADVISED MY OFFICE THAT BASED UPON THE CURRENT LAND USE  
25 PLAN, THE 64 ACRES EQUATE TO APPROXIMATELY 730 HOUSING UNITS





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1 AND 132,000 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE SPACE,  
2 WHEREAS STAFF HAS DETERMINED THAT THE 1999 APPROVAL COULD HAVE  
3 YIELDED AS MANY AS 21,615 UNITS, THAT NUMBER SHOULD NOW BE  
4 REVISED TO LIMIT BUILD-OUT TO A MAXIMUM OF 20,885 RESIDENTIAL  
5 UNITS, AND IF LESS IF MANDATED BY SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 DOCUMENTS. ALONG WITH A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN COMMERCIAL  
7 OFFICE SPACE FROM 3,508,000 SQUARE FEET DOWN TO 3,376,000  
8 SQUARE FEET. ANOTHER OF THE NEEDED REVISIONS HAS TO DO WITH  
9 THE APPLICANT'S WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE NICHOL'S FAMILY  
10 CORPORATION WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY STAFF AS A 35-YEAR  
11 AGREEMENT THAT IS RENEWABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 35 YEARS. THE  
12 DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE EXTENDED OR  
13 CANCELED SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CASTAIC  
14 WATER AGENCY AND TO FINDINGS THAT EQUIVALENT OTHER SUPPLIES  
15 ARE AVAILABLE AT A COMPARABLE COST AND THAT WOULD NOT IMPACT  
16 THE WATER SUPPLIES OF NEWHALL RANCH AND THE REST OF THE VALLEY  
17 IF THE AGREEMENT WERE NOT EXTENDED. ISSUES HAVE ARISEN WITH  
18 OTHER PROJECTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY CONCERNING THE  
19 COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ENSURE THAT TIMELY PROVISIONS OF REQUIRED  
20 AMENITIES. THE SPECIFIC PLAN AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM  
21 SHOULD BE REVISED TO REQUIRE THE APPLICANT AS HOLDER OF THE  
22 SPECIFIC PLAN TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH AN ANNUAL STATUS  
23 REPORT THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION PHASES INDICATING THE  
24 NUMBER OF UNITS CONSTRUCTED, THE SQUARE FOOTAGES OF COMMERCIAL  
25 AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS COMPLETED AND THE DATES OF DEDICATION



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1 OF COMPLETION OR COMPLETION FOR ALL REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE  
2 AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES. FINALLY, THE SPECIFIC PLAN SHOULD BE  
3 REVISED TO ENSURE THAT IF GENERAL COUNTY SET-BACK STANDARDS IN  
4 PLACE AT THE TIME THAT BUILDING PERMITS ARE OBTAINED FOR THE  
5 PROJECT PHASES ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE STANDARDS OTHERWISE  
6 CONTAINED IN THE SPECIFIC PLAN, THEN THE MORE STRINGENT PLANS  
7 WILL APPLY AS DETERMINED BY STAFF. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER  
8 THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WATER RECLAMATION PLAN, NO  
9 CONSTRUCTION LEVELS APPROVED ARE BEFORE US TODAY. RATHER, AN  
10 APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC PLAN PROVIDES A DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT  
11 APPROVAL ONLY WITH REQUIREMENTS AT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
12 APPLICATIONS WITH THE ATTENDANT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND  
13 PUBLIC HEARINGS BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY BEFORE  
14 ANY LOTS CAN BE SOLD OR BUILDING PERMITS CAN BE ISSUED. AND IT  
15 SHOULD AGAIN BE MENTIONED THAT THE SPECIFIC PLAN PROVIDES THAT  
16 51% OF THE SITE WILL BE PRESERVED AND THAT THERE ARE TO BE 12  
17 PARKS, THREE FIRE STATIONS, A LIBRARY AND FIVE SCHOOL SITES  
18 WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT. IT IS THESE FEATURES THAT LED TO  
19 SUPPORT OF BOTH THE STEVENSON RANCH AND THE CASTAIC TOWN  
20 COUNCILS WHICH REPRESENT THE TWO CLOSEST COMMUNITIES TO THIS  
21 DEVELOPMENT. THE APPLICATION WAS FIRST SUBMITTED IN 1994.  
22 SINCE THAT DATE, THERE HAS BEEN SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS  
23 AND PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD ON THESE PROPOSALS. STAFF BELIEVES  
24 THAT ALL OF THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED AND FULLY ADDRESSED  
25 AND THAT RECOMMENDATIONS BY THIS BOARD WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.



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1 ANY REAPPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SHOULD INCLUDE THE MEASURES I  
2 HAVE INCLUDED IN MY MOTION TODAY WHICH WOULD READ, "I WOULD  
3 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND  
4 INSTRUCT STAFF TO PREPARE THE PROPOSED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
5 DOCUMENTATION AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, AND  
6 FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE NEWHALL RANCH GENERAL PLAN AND  
7 SUBPLAN AMENDMENTS, SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL  
8 USE PERMITS WITH THE ABOVE-NOTED ADDITIONAL REVISIONS AND  
9 CONTINUE THE MATTER TO MAY 27TH FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AND  
10 POSSIBLE ACTION," AND THERE ARE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE BEING  
11 PROPOSED THAT I SUPPORT AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK JUST A CLARIFICATION. I  
14 WANT TO UNDERSTAND. IN THIS MOTION THAT IS PUT FORTH, EVEN  
15 THOUGH THE CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS AND THE  
16 NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL UNITS IS IN THE PREFACE OF THE MOTION AND  
17 NOT IN THE FINAL THEREFORE IS IT INCLUDED WITH IT SAYING, WITH  
18 THE ABOVE NOTED ADDITIONAL REVISIONS?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YES. THE I  
21 THEREFORE MOVE PARAGRAPH DOES SAY WITH THE ABOVE NOTED  
22 ADDITIONAL REVISIONS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO EVERYTHING THAT'S IN THE PREFACE IS PART OF  
25 THE "I THEREFORE MOVE"?



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2 **RICHARD WEISS:** ALL THE DESCRIBED, RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS WE  
3 UNDERSTAND AND I BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED AS PART  
4 OF THE MOTION.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO SOME AMENDMENTS.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER AMENDMENTS BUT I DO  
13 KNOW ABOUT THIS ONE.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COUPLE OF AMENDMENTS,  
16 THREE THAT I'LL DEAL WITH IN A SECOND, BUT I HAD A NUMBER OF  
17 QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK EARLIER, AND IT'S JUST FINE THAT WE  
18 WAITED UNTIL THE END BECAUSE WE HAD A CHANCE TO HEAR A LOT OF  
19 THE TESTIMONY AND SOME OF THE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED,  
20 BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS GENERALLY. I'M VERY  
21 TROUBLED BY THE WAY THIS THING HAS COME DOWN IN THE LAST MANY  
22 MONTHS. I'M ALWAYS TROUBLED WHEN A DEVELOPER OR AN APPLICANT  
23 DOESN'T LEVEL WITH US, WHEN THEY'RE COMING BEFORE US, AND  
24 THAT'S COLORING MY VIEW OF THIS WHOLE THING. I VOTED FOR IT  
25 LAST TIME, AND I'M NOT SURE IT WAS THE RIGHT VOTE. I NEVER WAS



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1 SURE IT WAS THE RIGHT VOTE, BUT I'M REALLY TROUBLED BY THE  
2 BEHAVIOR OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE E.I.R. IN THIS  
3 CASE. YOU MADE A STATEMENT AT THE OUTSET OF THE HEARING, MR.  
4 STARK, WHICH KIND OF PUZZLED ME. YOU SAID THAT YOU HAD  
5 CONFIDENCE IN THE CONSULTANT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT, THE  
6 TRUTHFULNESS OF MY WORDS, AND NOT NECESSARILY YOURS, BUT THAT  
7 WAS THE GIST OF IT. AND I'M WONDERING HOW YOU CAME TO THAT  
8 CONCLUSION AFTER THE WAY THEY TREATED YOU, YOUR DEPARTMENT, IN  
9 THIS SITUATION? HOW MUCH CONFIDENCE DO YOU HAVE IN ALL OF  
10 THEIR ASPECTS OF THEIR REPORT, OF THEIR ANALYSIS?

11

12 **STARK:** THE WAY THEY'VE TREATED ME AND OUR DEPARTMENT HAS  
13 BEEN, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, ENTIRELY ABOVEBOARD. THERE IS AN  
14 ISSUE RELATED TO THE SPINE FLOWER THAT PERHAPS DR. COOTNICK  
15 COULD ELABORATE ON, BUT EVEN THAT ISSUE WAS BROUGHT TO THE  
16 ATTENTION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO STAFF  
17 PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S HEARING ON THIS MATTER.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT WAS NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF THE  
20 REPORT WHICH THEY WERE OBLIGATED TO DO. IN FACT, THAT'S WHAT  
21 LAUNCHED THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, PRESUMABLY, AND THAT'S  
22 WHAT RESULTED IN THE SETTLEMENT THAT RESULTED IN THE 68 ACRES,  
23 ET CETERA, SO AT SOME POINT WHEN THEY KNEW, WHEN THEY FIRST  
24 KNEW ABOUT IT, THEY DID NOT INCORPORATE IT, AND I DON'T WANT  
25 TO REHASH THAT IN DETAIL, AND IT WAS REALLY ALMOST A



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1 RHETORICAL QUESTION, MAYBE IT'S UNFAIR FOR YOU TO ASK YOU, BUT  
2 MY QUESTION, REALLY WHAT THE NUB OF IT IS, WHAT ELSE -- HAVE  
3 YOU ASKED -- HAS ANYBODY IN THE COUNTY, PERHAPS MR. WEISS, YOU  
4 CAN ANSWER THIS, EVER ASKED THE DEVELOPER AND PERHAPS WE CAN  
5 ASK HIM NOW, THERE IS A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
6 CONSULTANT AND THE APPLICANT. IS THAT CORRECT? THE  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT AND THE APPLICANT?

8

9 **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR, THE APPLICANTS AGREEMENTS WITH  
10 THEIR CONSULTANTS DID CONTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE EVER ASK THE DEVELOPER TO WAIVE THE  
13 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT SO THAT WE COULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF  
14 TALKING TO OR EVALUATING ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT THEY HAD  
15 GENERATED FOR THE -- THAT THE CONSULTANT GENERATED FOR THE  
16 DEVELOPER?

17

18 **RICHARD WEISS:** ONCE WE LEARNED --

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ANSWER "YES" OR "NO" BECAUSE I DON'T  
21 WANT TO TAKE EVERYBODY'S TIME. DID WE EVER ASK HIM TO DO THAT?

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23 **RICHARD WEISS:** ESSENTIALLY, YES.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT DID THEY SAY?





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**RICHARD WEISS:** THEY PROVIDED US WITH DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS  
UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY FROM EVERY ONE OF THEIR CONSULTANTS  
INDICATING THAT, IN FACT, THEY HAD DISCLOSED ALL RELEVANT  
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION BASED UPON THE WORK THAT THEY HAD  
DONE AND THEY AGREED TO INSTRUCT ALL OF THEIR CONSULTANTS THAT  
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN THEIR CONTRACTS REGARDING  
CONFIDENTIALITY WITH RESPECT TO THIRD PERSONS THAT THOSE  
PROVISIONS DID NOT AND THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED THAT  
THEY COULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR REQUIREMENT THAT THEY  
INFORM THE COUNTY OF ANY RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION.

12

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE DEVELOPER WAIVED THE CONFIDENTIALITY  
AGREEMENT, ESSENTIALLY?

15

**RICHARD WEISS:** WHEN YOU SAY RAISED --

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**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIVED.

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**RICHARD WEISS:** I'M SORRY, WAIVED. THEY AGREED WITH US AND THEY  
SO INFORMED THEIR CONSULTANTS THAT THOSE PROVISIONS COULD NOT  
BE EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSULTANTS, THE APPLICANT,  
AND THE COUNTY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT FOLLOWING YOU. DID THEY MAKE ALL OF  
2   THE WORK PRODUCT OF THE CONSULTANT AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY  
3   THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT,  
4   DID THEY MAKE THAT AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY, TO THE STAFF, TO  
5   THE SUPERVISOR, TO YOU?

6

7   **RICHARD WEISS:** ONCE THE ISSUE WAS DISCOVERED, YES, AND THEY--

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT JUST TO THE SPINE FLOWER, BUT TO ALL THE  
10  OTHER WORK PRODUCT CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.

11

12  **RICHARD WEISS:** WE RECEIVED DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FROM EVERY  
13  CONSULTANT THAT HAS WORKED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT IN  
14  ALL AREAS.

15

16  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WAS THE DISCLOSURE STAMENT THAT  
17  UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THEY SAY THERE'S NOTHING MORE THERE?

18

19  **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT THEY HAVE DISCLOSED ALL ENVIRONMENTAL  
20  INFORMATION, ALL STUDIES TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

21

22  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE EVER ASK TO SEE THE RAW WORK PRODUCT,  
23  MEMOS, FILES, THINGS OF THAT SORT THAT WOULD BE PERHAPS MORE  
24  ILLUSTRATIVE?

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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** I WOULD HAVE TO DEFER TO REGIONAL PLANNING  
2   STAFF AS TO THE NATURE OF THE FIELD NOTES AND BACKGROUND  
3   INVESTIGATIONS, HOW MUCH OF THAT THEY ACTUALLY SEE.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. STARK, DID YOU EVER ASK FOR THAT KIND OF  
6   INFORMATION? BIOLOGISTS EVER ASK FOR THAT KIND OF INFORMATION?

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8   **STARK:** THE BIOLOGIST I KNOW HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THEM. THE  
9   COUNTY ENGINEER IN TERMS OF WATER SUPPLY AND GEOLOGY AS  
10   REVIEWED DETAILED AND TECHNICAL REPORTS. AS FAR AS I KNOW, ALL  
11   THESE TECHNICAL REPORTS HAVE EITHER BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE  
12   ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AS APPENDICES FOR REFERENCE, BUT WE'VE  
13   ASKED FOR DETAILED INFORMATION AND RECEIVED IT.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS THE DEVELOPER'S REPRESENTATIVE HERE  
16   TODAY? YOU CAN COME DOWN HERE. I HAVE ONE QUESTION. WHILE  
17   YOU'RE WALKING, I'LL ASK THE QUESTION IN THE INTEREST OF TIME.  
18   WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO AUTHORIZE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL  
19   CONSULTANT BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 27 TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY  
20   MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO IS INTERESTED, ANY  
21   MEMBER OF THE STAFF, ANY OF THE RAW MATERIAL THAT YOUR  
22   ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT MAY HAVE GENERATED IN CONNECTION WITH  
23   THIS PROJECT?

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25   **STEVE ZIMMER:** YES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. JUST FOR THE  
3 RECORD, YOUR NAME IS?

4

5 **STEVE ZIMMER:** MY NAME IS STEVE ZIMMER REPRESENTING NEWHALL  
6 RANCH.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. ZIMMER. OKAY. SECOND THING I WANTED TO  
9 ASK, GOT RID OF ALL THE PAPERS SO THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE THIS  
10 PROBLEM, AND NOW... OH WELL. ON THE ISSUE OF THE TOAD, AS I  
11 UNDERSTAND IT, THE TOAD-- THE TOAD IS ENDANGERED. IS THAT  
12 RIGHT?

13

14 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT AN EXTINCT SPECIES THAT'S SURFACED  
17 AS WE HAD IN AMINSON, BUT GENUINELY ENDANGERED. IT SHOWS UP ON  
18 ONE SIDE OF THE SUBJECT AREA AND IT SHOWS UP ON THE OTHER SIDE  
19 OF THE SUBJECT AREA, BUT VERY FORTUITOUSLY FOR THE APPLICANT  
20 IN THE AREA WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO DEVELOP, CORRECT ME IF I AM  
21 WRONG, IN THE AREA WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO DEVELOP, THERE IS NO  
22 TOAD.

23

24 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** THAT'S THE REPORT TO U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE  
25 SERVICE IN THE LATEST REPORT FROM NEWHALL RANCH HAS BEEN THAT,



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1 THAT IS CORRECT, THAT I CONFIRMED WITH THEM JUST YESTERDAY  
2 THAT THE REPORTS DOWNSTREAM, THERE'S REPORTS UPSTREAM, BOTH IN  
3 THE CASTAIC STREAK AND THE CONFLUENCE WITH SAN FRANCISCAN  
4 CREEK AND WEST OF INTERSTATE 5, BUT NO REPORTS AS FAR AS THE  
5 PROTOCOL SURVEYS THAT WERE PREPARED BY NEWHALL'S ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 CONSULTANTS WHICH WERE DIVULGED THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE  
7 SERVICE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BIOLOGIST, SIR?

10

11 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** I'VE BEEN A BIOLOGIST FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU HAVE A DEGREE IN BIOLOGY?

14

15 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** I DO INDEED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER,  
18 IT'S NOT A SET-UP QUESTION, BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS. IN YOUR  
19 PROFESSIONAL OPINION, DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO YOU THAT THE TOAD  
20 WOULD BE HERE AND HERE BUT NOT HERE?

21

22 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** IT DEPENDS ON THE SURVEY PROTOCOLS. YES, THERE  
23 ARE CIRCUMSTANCES -- SURVEY CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THAT COULD BE  
24 CORRECT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU YOURSELF GO OUT AND LOOK AT THE  
2   PROPERTY IN QUESTION YOURSELF AS IT RELATED TO THE TOAD?

3

4   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** I DID INDEED.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WAS YOUR CONCLUSION?

7

8   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** AS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, THAT  
9   THERE IS SUITABLE HABITAT FOR THE AROYO TOAD AND THAT AS  
10   APPLICATIONS COME, THAT THEY WILL STILL CONTINUE TO HAVE TO DO  
11   PROTOCOL SURVEYS TO GUARANTEE THAT THE TOAD HAS NOT MOVED ON  
12   TO THEIR PROPERTY OR TO SOME OTHER LOCATION.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS TO THAT ONE AREA WHERE THE TOAD IS NOT --  
15   HAS NOT BEEN FOUND TO BE IN EVIDENCE, SO BASICALLY THEIR  
16   CONSULTANT'S REPORT, ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT THAT'S PLAUSIBLE  
17   BASED ON YOUR --

18

19   **SPEAKER:** THAT IT'S CURRENTLY NOT FOUND ON THEIR PROPERTIES?

20

21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. THERE'S A TOAD ONE ONE SIDE AND THE  
22   OTHER SIDE, BUT THE DEVELOPABLE PART, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,  
23   THERE WAS NO TOAD DISCOVERED.

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25   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** BASED ON THEIR SURVEY.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG.

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4 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** THAT'S CORRECT. WHICH IS WHY WE BELIEVED THAT  
5 THERE'S STILL POTENTIAL HABITAT FOR IT AND THAT'S WHY WE WILL  
6 BE REQUIRING THEM TO DO THE PROTOCOL SURVEYS DURING THE  
7 ENTITLEMENT PROCESS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LAST QUESTION AND THEN I'LL DEAL WITH THE  
10 MOTIONS, THE LAST QUESTION I HAVE IS ON THE 68 ACRES FOR THE  
11 SPINE FLOWER. IS IT -- IF YOU HAD -- AND I'M ASKING MR. STARK  
12 AND -- WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

13

14 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** DARYL KOOTNIK.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DARRELL OKAY, I'M SORRY. IN YOUR -- WHOEVER  
17 WANTS TO ANSWER, EITHER OF YOU OR BOTH OF YOU, IF YOU HAD  
18 KNOWN ABOUT THE SPINE FLOWER WHEN YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT  
19 IT, WHEN THEY HAD SUBMITTED THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT,  
20 WOULD YOU THEN -- WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS  
21 TO HOW TO MITIGATE OR HOW TO PROTECT HOW MUCH OF A  
22 CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO SET ASIDE FOR THE SPINE FLOWER? WOULD  
23 YOU HAVE RECOMMENDED 68 ACRES? 68 ACRES, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,  
24 WAS A DEAL CUT BETWEEN THE D.A., THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND  
25 THE DEVELOPER. HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW THEY HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION OF  
5 THE D.A.'S OFFICE, BUT THAT'S NOT THE FIRST PLACE I'D GO TO TO  
6 FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

7

8 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** AND CORRECT, THE 64 ACRES OF PRESERVE AREAS IN  
9 THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ARE SPECIFICALLY NOT TO BE CONSIDERED  
10 AS PART OF OUR COUNTY'S SEQUA ANALYSIS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU HAD KNOWN ABOUT THE SPINE FLOWER WHEN  
13 YOU HAD SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT IT, WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR  
14 COMMENT TO THAT, OR WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR RECOMMENDATION  
15 TO US AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE?

16

17 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** IF INDEED WE HAD CONFIRMED REPORTS DURING THE  
18 PREPARATION OF THE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS IN THE SPECIFIC PLAN,  
19 WE WOULD HAVE REQUESTED THAT IT EITHER BE PUT IN PRESERVE  
20 AREAS AND DESIGNATED AS OPEN SPACE OR A SPECIFIC MITIGATION  
21 MEASURE OR LAND USE DESIGNATION THAT SAYS THAT THESE AREAS  
22 WOULD BE PRESERVED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEYOND THE 68 ACRES?

25



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1   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** CORRECT AND IT WOULD BE MY INTENT IF THERE  
2   WOULD ADDITIONAL PRESERVE AREAS PROPOSED, AGAIN, AS THE TRACT  
3   MAPS ARE GOING THROUGH THE APPROVAL PROCESS --

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDERSTOOD AND I UNDERSTAND MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
6   MOTION ADDRESSES THAT AND HE'S QUITE RIGHT THAT LIST GOING TO  
7   BE A WHOLE SET OF NEW REVIEWS EVER TIME A TRACT MAPS COME  
8   THROUGH, BUT ONE WAY TO ENSURE THAT WOULD BE TO DEAL WITH IT  
9   AS YOU ARE DEALING WITH A NUMBER OF ISSUES TODAY AS PART OF  
10   THIS TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE TODAY, AND I GUESS MY QUESTION TO  
11   YOU IS, SINCE YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE SPINE FLOWER AT THE  
12   TIME THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE MADE A COMMENT, YOU ARE STILL IN THE  
13   POSITION -- WOULD HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION TODAY TO ADVISE US  
14   OR PRIOR TO TODAY ON, YOU KNOW, 150, 200, 300 ACRES, TO BE  
15   SET, WHATEVER IT IS, ALL ONE PIECE, DIFFERENT PIECES, TO -- AS  
16   A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR THAT ENDANGERED SPECIES, AND WE  
17   COULD HAVE DECIDED TODAY WHETHER WE WANTED TO ADDRESS IT  
18   GENERICLY TODAY FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT RATHER THAN PIECE BY  
19   PIECE AS THE TRACTS COME UP. SO IS THERE ANY RECOMMENDATION  
20   YOU WOULD MAKE TO US TODAY ON HOW TO DEAL WITH IT AS PART OF  
21   THE SPECIFIC PLAN?

22

23   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** WELL, A LOT OF THOSE PROTECTION MEASURES ARE  
24   ALREADY BUILT INTO THE MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WERE IN  
25   ADDITION TO -- THROUGH THE ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, AND WHAT YOU



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1 HAVE THE PREROGATIVE OF RECOMMENDING ARE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION  
2 MEASURES AS CONSISTENT WITH THAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT  
3 FISH & GAME HAS SET ASIDE, THAT THEY HAVE SET ASIDE THE  
4 PRIMARY POPULATIONS KNOWN TO EXIST ON NEWHALL RANCH, THE  
5 APPLICANT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OURSELVES AND THE FISH & GAME  
6 ARE -- WILL BE DOING PERIODIC SURVEYS, THEY'RE GOING OUT NEXT  
7 WEEK TO START SOME OF THOSE SURVEYS, THEY'VE SET UP NEW  
8 PROTOCOLS FOR THOSE SURVEYS FOR THIS YEAR AND THEY'RE GOING TO  
9 DO A VERY CONCERTED EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THE  
10 FULL EXTENT OF THOSE POPULATIONS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE TALKING  
13 ABOUT A CASE-BY-CASE, TRACT-BY-TRACT ANALYSIS.

14

15 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** THE SPECIFIC DESIGN OF THOSE PRESERVE AREAS  
16 WOULD BE DONE AT THAT ENTITLEMENT STAGE. THERE'S NOTHING THAT  
17 PREVENTS YOUR BOARD FROM TAKING AN ACTION TODAY TO INCLUDE  
18 ADDITIONAL AREAS DO PROTECT THOSE SPINE FLOWER POPULATIONS  
19 THAT ARE CURRENTLY KNOWN AND TDOCUMENTED WITHIN THE ADDITIONAL  
20 ANALYSIS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD IT BE PREFERABLE TO DEAL WITH IT IN  
23 THE SPECIFIC PLAN, FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

24



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1   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** IN MY POINT OF VIEW, YES, IT WOULD ONLY BECAUSE  
2   THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE HYDROLOGY, WHICH THE SPINE FLOWER  
3   WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON CAN BE WORKED OUT IN DETAIL, BECAUSE  
4   THAT IS REQUIRED DURING THE TRACT MAP.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DEAL WITH IT  
7   BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 27, OR DOES ALL OF THE ACTION THAT WE ARE  
8   GOING TO SET FOR OURSELVES TO CONSIDER ON MAY 27 HAVE TO BE IN  
9   THIS ACTION THAT WE TAKE TODAY, MR. WEISS?

10

11   **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR, IF YOU WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE COME  
12   BACK WITH A CONDITION AND GIVE US SUFFICIENT PARAMETERS SO  
13   THAT STAFF CAN INTERPRET IT AND BRING IT BACK, THE PURPOSE OF  
14   THE MAY 27 HEARING, SINCE YOU'RE NOT APPROVING ANYTHING TODAY,  
15   WOULD BE TO EVALUATE WHETHER OR NOT STAFF AS EFFECTUATED YOUR  
16   INTENT.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT WON'T DELAY IT BEYOND THE MAY DATED  
19   BECAUSE I DON'T -- REGARDLESS OF WHAT OUR VIEWS ARE, I THINK  
20   WE WANT TO GET THIS THING OVER WITH, SO IS THIS, IS THIS, CAN  
21   WE SET IT UP SO HE CAN COME BACK WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS  
22   THAT WE CAN THEN EITHER GO UP OR DOWN ON MAY 27, AND NOT  
23   FURTHER DELAY THIS PROCESS?

24



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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** WE WILL BE COMING BACK WITH A SET OF CONDITIONS  
2   THAT INCLUDE ALL OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AND WHATEVER OTHER  
3   ADDITIONAL MOTIONS. THERE ARE ALREADY, HOWEVER, SIX OR SEVEN  
4   PAGES OF ADDITIONAL SPINE FLOWER MITIGATIONS THAT STAFF HAS  
5   RECOMMENDED SINCE THE SPINE FLOWER HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE  
6   DOCUMENT THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR OFFICES.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT ALL OF THEM LEAD TO THE TRACT-BY-TRACT  
9   APPROACH, AND I'M ASKING ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PLAN APPROACH SO  
10   WHAT I WOULD -- THIS IS NOT ONE OF THE MOTIONS I HAD. I WOULD  
11   JUST VERBALLY ASK, IF MR. ANTONOVICH HAS NO OBJECTION, THAT HE  
12   COME BACK WITHIN HIS PROFESSIONAL PARAMETERS OF HIS  
13   PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS HE WOULD MAKE  
14   WITH RESPECT TO THE SPINE FLOWER -- PROTECTING THE SPINE  
15   FLOWER AS PART OF THE SPECIFIC PLANT.

16

17   **DARYL KOOTNIK:** WE'D BE HAPPY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL  
18   RECOMMENDATIONS.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO MAKE-- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE FUN  
21   WITH ME ON THURSDAY, I WANT TO JUST ONE LAST THING ON THIS --  
22   BACK TO THE TOAD. WHEN YOU HAVE A TOAD UPSTREAM AND YOU HAVE A  
23   TOAD DOWNSTREAM, I ASKED YOU EARLIER, AND I'M NOT SURE I GOT  
24   THE -- I THINK I JUST JUMPED TOO QUICKLY TO THE NEXT ISSUE.  
25   WHEN YOU HAVE A TOAD UPSTREAM AND A TOAD DOWNSTREAM, IS IT





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1 PLausible to you, based on your knowledge of this stream and  
2 of this property, that between those two points where the toad  
3 has been found, that there wouldn't be toads in between?

4

5 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** YES, THERE'S LOGIC THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE  
6 THERE. IF THAT PARTICULAR SPECIES WEREN'T IN SUCH A CRITICAL  
7 CONDITION AND HAD WELL KNOWN HABITAT PREFERENCES AND, AGAIN,  
8 ALL OF THE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT SPECIES HAVE NOT BEEN  
9 FULLY DIVULGED. WE DON'T KNOW WHY THEY DON'T OCCUR IN CERTAIN  
10 AREAS. AGAIN, THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS SAYS THAT THIS IS  
11 SUITABLE HABITAT FOR IT AND WE WILL BE REQUIRING A CURRENT  
12 SEASON'S SURVEY FOR ALL OF THOSE LOCATIONS WHERE THE HABITAT  
13 IS AVAILABLE, BUT THERE'S NO SCIENTIFIC PARAMETERS BY WHICH YOU  
14 CAN ACTUALLY PREDICT WHERE CERTAIN LOCATIONS ARE GOING TO BE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S AT THE TOTAL DISCRETION OF THE TOAD.

17

18 **DARYL KOOTNIK:** IT IS INDEED.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE  
21 ENTIRE MOTIONS, I'LL JUST THE RESOLVE PARTS IN THE INTEREST OF  
22 TIME, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING SO MUCH TIME. FIRST MOTION  
23 ADDRESSES THE ISSUE THAT MR. EDMISTON ADDRESSED AND MR.  
24 ANTONOVICH IS I THINK IS AWARE OF THIS MOTION. MAKE SURE WE  
25 GET THEM ALL CIRCULATED. THERE ARE THREE OF THEM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I ONLY HAVE ONE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST ONE IS I THEREFORE MOVE THAT UPON  
5 APPROVAL OF THE TRACT MAP OR MAPS ADJACENT TO VENTURA COUNTY  
6 THE APPLICANT BE DIRECTED TO DEDICATE TO THE PUBLIC IN  
7 PERPETUITY THE APPROXIMATELY 1500 ACRES OF LAND ENCOMPASSING  
8 THE SALT CREEK WATERSHED IN VENTURA COUNTY. THIS PROPERTY  
9 SHALL BE MANAGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIGH COUNTRY SPECIAL  
10 MANAGEMENT AREA. THIS IS THE AREA THAT'S ON THE VENTURA COUNTY  
11 SIDE, IT WAS ADDRESSED BY MR. EDMISTON. IT'S ALL IN THE  
12 PREAMBLE. I THINK THEY WERE PREPARED TO DO 400, THIS WOULD BE  
13 300, A TOTAL OF 1,500. SO THAT'S MOTION -- AMENDMENT NUMBER  
14 ONE TO MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. SECOND MOTION IS DEALING WITH  
15 THE SPINE FLOWER ISSUE THAT I RAISED EARLIER. I MOVE THAT UPON  
16 APPROVAL OF THE TRACT MAP OR MAPS IMPACTING SAN MARTINEZ, THE  
17 APPLICANT WORK WITH COUNTY STAFF AND C-TACK TO ESTABLISH AN  
18 APPROPRIATELY-SIZED PRESERVE AREA TO PROTECT THE SPINE FLOWER  
19 POPULATION IN SAN MARTINEZ CANYON. FURTHERMORE THE PROJECT  
20 MITIGATION MEASURES SHALL BE AMENDED TO PRECLUDE ROADWAYS, OR  
21 ROAD RITES OF WAY FROM BEING CONSTRUCTED IN ALL SPINE FLOWER  
22 PRESERVE AND BUFFER LOCATIONS UNLESS CONSTRUCTING THE ROAD IN  
23 SUCH A LOCATION IS FOUND TO BE THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR  
24 ALTERNATIVE. AND A LAST MOTION, IS A PROCEDURAL THING --  
25 PROCEDURAL DEAL FOR FUTURE TRACTS AS THIS -- IF THIS SPECIFIC



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1 PLAN GETS APPROVED ULTIMATELY AND THEY START COMING IN WITH  
2 SUBDIVISIONS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT EACH CONSULTANT SUBMITTING  
3 OR PARTICIPATING IN A STUDY OR INVESTIGATION LEADING TO THE  
4 SUBMITTAL OF ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION IN  
5 CONNECTION WITH THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT SHALL SUBMIT A  
6 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY TO THE DIRECTOR  
7 OF PLANNING INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE DISCLOSED TO THE COUNTY  
8 STAFF ALL RELEVANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION AND DATA  
9 OBTAINED DURING THEIR WORK INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL  
10 INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF ANY ENDANGERED,  
11 THREATENED OR CANDIDATE SPECIES AND I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE  
12 APPLICANT BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING ON AN  
13 ANNUAL BASIS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO  
14 RETAIN OR COMPENSATE ITS OWN CONSULTANTS TO CONDUCT A PEER  
15 REVIEW AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE DEAPRTMENT OF ALL  
16 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED FOR FURTHER  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BY ANY CONSULTANT OR SUBCONSULTANT OF THE  
18 APPLICANT. THOSE ARE MY THREE AMENDMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. YOU ACCEPT ALL THE  
21 AMENDMENTS? WE HAVE THE MOTION AS AMENDED BEFORE US. IS THERE  
22 OBJECTION?

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN. I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I  
2   SEE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT -- JUST RECORD ME AS  
3   ABSTAINING.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S ONE ABSTENTION.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE:** AFTER ALL THOSE AMENDMENTS, YOU WANT TO ABSTAIN.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE'S ONE ABSTENTION. THE  
10   MOTION IS ADOPTED. THE NEXT ITEM, WE'LL NOW GO TO THE  
11   SPECIALS, STARTING WITH THE FOURTH DISTRICT -- OR IS IT THIRD  
12   DISTRICT? PARDON ME? WHICH DISTRICT IS UP FIRST? THE THIRD  
13   DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON WHICH ITEM, MADAM CHAIR? OH. MADAM CHAIR,  
16   I HAVE THE SAD DUTY TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN -- SHHH -- WE  
17   ADJOURN -- WHEN WE ADJOURN THE MEETING, ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
18   OF STANLEY HIRSCH. STANLEY IS LONG-TIME LEADER IN THE JEWISH  
19   COMMUNITY, GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND MY FAMILY'S, PASSED AWAY ON  
20   SATURDAY AFTER A LONG BOUT WITH CANCER. STANLEY WAS THE OWNER  
21   OF THE COOPER BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN HOUSTON LOS ANGELES, FORMER  
22   CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. HE  
23   WAS VERY ACTIVE IN JEWISH PHILANTHROPY AND NATIONAL POLITICS  
24   AND LOCAL POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE  
25   JEWISH FEDERATION AND GENERAL CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED



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1 JEWISH FUND. HE WAS ALSO FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE JEWISH  
2 JOURNALS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOR A TIME SERVED AS ITS  
3 PUBLISHER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANITA, AND HIS -- AND  
4 SEVERAL OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK ALL MEMBERS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD ONLY ADD TO SAY THAT I  
11 THINK ALL OF US KNOW STAN HIRSCH, BUT I THINK THAT STANLEY WAS  
12 PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST CIVIC-MINDED GENTLEMEN I EVER MET  
13 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HAVING A REAL CONCERN ABOUT NOT ONLY  
14 HIS EMPLOYEES AND THE PEOPLE THAT --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME JUST ONE SECOND, SUPERVISOR. YOU  
17 KNOW, WE GAVE - [ GAVEL ] -- COULD I ASK EVERYONE TO BE QUIET  
18 AS THEY LEAVE THE ROOM? YES I'M SORRY.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** TTHAT CERTAINLY TO HIS EMPLOYEES AND ALL THE  
21 PEOPLE AROUND HIM, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HMM ON  
22 QUITE A FEW ISSUES, AND I WAS ONE OF THOSE WHEN LOOKING FOR  
23 CHILD RE HELP, HE WAS SO HELPFUL TO US IN MANY WAYS. BUT I WAS  
24 PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED AS HE CONTINUED TO MOVE FORWARD AS A  
25 KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HE'S TAKEN AS FAR AS THE GARMENT



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1 INDUSTRY IN THIS AREA AND THE KIND OF CENTER THAT HE CREATED  
2 AND ALL OF IT IS THROUGH THE INSPIRATION AND LEADERSHIP OF  
3 STANLEY HIRSCH WHO WORKED ALL OF THOSE TIMES WHEN HE WAS  
4 RETIRED AND CONTINUED TO DO ALL THE CIVIC ACTIVITY ANYWAY. HE  
5 IS SOMEONE I'M GOING TO MISS TREMENDOUSLY AND I WISH -- WE  
6 WISH OUR SYMPATHIES TO ANITA AND HIS FAMILY. BUT I THINK ALL  
7 OF US KNOW HIM AND APPRECIATE HIM.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU HAVE HERRELL WILLIAM?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T, BUT I WILL JOIN YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T HAVE IT BECAUSE I ASSUMED YOU  
18 WOULD.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HERRELL  
21 WILLIAMS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST SAW THAT IN THE PAPER YESTERDAY.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON HERRELL WILLIAM. WE ALL NEW  
3 HIM. HE WAS A FIXTURE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN CAUSES.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIXTURE IN BUSINESS A FIXTURE IN POLITICS A  
6 GREAT COMBINATION OF BUSINESS ACUMEN AND IDEALISM. AND GOING  
7 BACK IT MY FIRST DAYS IN POLITICS IN THE LATE '60 AS A YOUNG  
8 COLLEGE STUDENT, HERRELL WAS INVOLVED AND STAYED INVOLVED IN  
9 THE VERY END. HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED ON THE --

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET THE REST OF THE INFORMATION TO  
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. MADAM CHAIR, I WAS HOLDING I THINK ONE  
15 OR TWO ITEMS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WERE HOLDING ITEM 18.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 20 -- UH -- --.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND 28.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S START WITH 36-C, YEAH. ACTUALLY, I  
24 THINK I GOT MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON 36-C. IS FRED LEAF HERE?  
25 THE ONLY MODIFICATION, AND I TALKED TO FRED AND DR. GARTHWAITE



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1 EARLIER, AND HE'LL CONFIRM IT UNLESS I'M WRONG, BUT I THINK  
2 THE ONLY MODIFICATION I WANT TO SUGGEST HERE IS THAT WE --  
3 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO -- YOU'RE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND THE  
4 CONTRACTS THROUGH JUNE THE 30TH ON A STATUS QUO BASIS AND THEN  
5 NEGOTIATE WITHIN THE PARAMETERS FOR A FOR A JULY 1ST AND  
6 BEYOND FOR THE PARAMETERS OUTLINED IN YOUR MEMO.

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** YES WOULD BE RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE LOOKING AT OTHER FACILITIES.  
11 RIGHT?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** PARDON ME?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL CENTERS AS  
16 WELL. RIGHT?

17

18 **FRED LEAF:** YES, WE ARE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I UNDERSTAND STATUS QUO MEANS YOU GET TO  
21 GO UP TO 14.2 MILLION, A SLIGHT BUMP FOR THE COST OF LIVING,  
22 BUT THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH STATUS QUO.

23

24 **FRED LEAF:** YES, SIR.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S MY MOTION AND CLARIFICATION SDMSH  
2   WITH THE CLARIFICATION, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
3   BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ONE IS THE COMPUTER PROJECT?

6

7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 28.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD WANTED  
10   THIS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS BECAUSE SHE GOING TO BE GOING OUT  
11   --

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT WAS LONGER THAN THAT. RIGHT, DAVID?  
14   WHEN ARE WE GOING TO RIVERSIDE?

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT'S THE 10TH. THE 10TH OF APRIL.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE 10TH. THE ONLY REASON I HELD IT IS  
19   BECAUSE I WAS INFORMED IF WE DON'T START THE NEGOTIATION  
20   PROCESS NOW, EVEN IF WE WAIT TWO WEEKS, THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE  
21   CONCLUDED BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AND IF THAT'S THE  
22   CASE WHAT I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST IS THAT WE AUTHORIZE, AND IF  
23   IT IS NOT THE CASE, LET ME KNOW BUT IF IT IS THE CASE, THAT WE  
24   CAN START THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. THERE MAY BE A NUMBER OF US  
25   WHO WANT TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WANT TO



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1 CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN RIVERSIDE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.  
2 IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, WE CAN ALWAYS SUSPEND THE NEGOTIATION  
3 AND WE'VE LOST NOTHING BUT A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF WORK PRODUCT,  
4 BUT IF WE ALL COME AWAY FROM IT FEELING IT'S A GOOD -- IT'S  
5 WORTHY, THEN WE WILL NOT HAVE LOST THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT,  
6 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT GETTING IT DONE BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE  
7 FISCAL YEAR IS IMPORTANT. IS THAT CORRECT, MR. JANSSEN?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK MR. FULLINWIDER IS PROBABLY IN A  
10 BETTER POSITION TO ANSWER THAT AND MR. MCCAULEY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I WAS THINKING, MADAM CHAIR? THE SAME THING  
13 THAT WE HAD SOME TIME CONSTRAINTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND  
14 THAT WAS THERE A WAY TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS YET ALLOW US  
15 THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO RIVERSIDE.

16

17 **JON FULLINWIDER:** MADAM CHAIR WOMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE  
18 SENSE OF URGENCY IS THAT THE PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY  
19 ANTICIPATED TO START IN JANUARY DUE TO OTHER ISSUES THAT THE  
20 BOARD WAS DEALING WITH AT THE TIME, WE DELAYED THE PROJECT. WE  
21 REQUESTED THE HIGHEST SCORED VENDOR TEAM TO EXTEND THEIR  
22 PRICING THROUGH JUNE 30. WE MODIFIED THE KEY DELIVERABLES OF  
23 THE PROJECT ASSUMING A JULY START DATE, AND IF WE DO NOT HAVE  
24 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AT  
25 THIS POINT IN TIME, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE WILL BASICALLY BE



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1 RIGHT UP AGAINST THE WALL IN THE LATTER PART OF JUNE, EARLY  
2 JULY TIME FRAME, AT THE EARLIEST, BEFORE WE CAN DEAL WITH  
3 THIS, WHICH POTENTIALLY WOULD HAVE THE IMPACT OF DELAYING THE  
4 PROJECT UNTIL JANUARY OF 2004 AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT IS  
5 THAT WE MAY HAVE TO GO OUT AND REBID THE ENTIRE PROJECT AGAIN,  
6 WHICH WOULD LOSE BASICALLY THE THREE YEARS OF TIME AND EFFORT  
7 THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO WHAT I WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND IS  
10 THAT WE PROCEED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IN THE NEXT 30  
11 DAYS, ANY ONE OF US OR A GROUP OF US COULD CONCLUDE THAT WE'RE  
12 MARCHING DOWN THE WRONG PATH AND THAT WE COULD SUSPEND IT. I  
13 JUST DON'T WANTED TO GO -- IF IT WAS GOING TO CAUSE A PROBLEM  
14 WHERE IT COULD -- IT'S A GOOD THING AND IT'S GOING TO COST US  
15 A LOT MORE BY WAITING THE TWO WEEKS, THAT I WAS CONCERNED THAT  
16 WE'D FIND AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO DO IT.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW MUCH NEGOTIATION WOULD YOU BE DOING  
19 WITHIN THE NEXT -- YOU SAY IT'S -- WHEN ARE YOU GOING, WHAT  
20 DAY?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECRETARY TO SECRETARY, PROBABLY. I THINK WE'RE  
23 GOING -- I DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'RE GOING. APRIL SOMETIME.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APRIL 10.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WOULD JUST -- WHEN WOULD BE THE EXTENT  
3 OF THE NEGOTIATIONS YOU WOULD BE DOING UNDER ORDINARILY THE  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES BETWEEN NOW AND THE 10TH?

5

6 **JON FULLINWIDER:** WE'VE ALREADY HAD MEETINGS WITH THE HIGHER  
7 SCORED VENDOR, OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND OUR INTERNAL COUNSEL,  
8 ET CETERA. WE'RE READY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS NEXT WEEK.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT TAKES YOU -- YOU'D JUST BE INTO  
11 -- IF YOU START NEXT WEEK, YOU'LL JUST BE INTO A WEEK OF  
12 NEGOTIATIONS. DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT? IT'S JUST  
13 GOING TO BE VERY PRELIMINARY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, THIS IS A MAJOR PURCHASE, A HUGE PURCHASE.  
16 I MADE ARRANGEMENTS. I ASKED DAVID, I SAID, "I'D LIKE TO SEE  
17 IT IN ACTION." WE DECIDED WE'D GO OUT TO RIVERSIDE. I GUESS  
18 THAT WAS THE BEST TIME WE'D DO IT. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES  
19 HERE AND I REALLY THINK THAT -- NOW IT JUST ONE THING, I  
20 ALWAYS WORRY. AS YOU KNOW. EVERY TIME WE BUY A COMPUTER  
21 SYSTEM, I'M GOING, OH, THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING TO WORRY  
22 ABOUT, AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED AS TO WHY WE'RE MOVING FORWARD  
23 WITH THIS AND THE SENSE OF URGENCY. YOU KNOW, YOU DIDN'T HAVE  
24 A SENSE OF URGENCY WHEN YOU WENT THROUGH ALL YOUR WORK GROUPS  
25 AND YOUR SESSIONS AND YOU HAD ALL YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND





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1 EVERYBODY REVIEWED IT AND IT WENT THROUGH ANALYSIS AFTER  
2 ANALYSIS AFTER ANALYSIS, AND NOW WE'RE GETTING A SHORT  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M NOT SURE WHY IT WAS NOT PLACED ON THE  
6 AGENDA SOME TIME AGO.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CAN I RESPOND TO THAT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
9 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT'S ENTIRELY FAIR, CERTAINLY NOT TO  
10 THIS STAFF, BUT WE WERE READY TO GO IN THE FALL WITH A  
11 RECOMMENDATION OF PEOPLESOFT, AND I CHOSE NOT TO DO IT AT THE  
12 TIME BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN ABOUT THE BUDGET.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** A CONCERN ABOUT WHAT?

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16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABOUT THE BUDGET. IT'S NOT RELATED TO --

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO.

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20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, I KNOW YOU DIDN'T, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T BRING  
21 IT TO YOU BECAUSE OF THAT FACT. SO IT'S NOT NOW ALL OF A  
22 SUDDEN BEING RUSHED. THE VENDORS DID GIVE US UNTIL THE END OF  
23 JUNE. THESE NEGOTIATIONS, AS YOU KNOW, TAKE A LOT OF TIME. AND  
24 WE'RE NOT COMMITTING THE COUNTY TO DOING ANYTHING. WE'RE JUST  
25 TRYING TO IDENTIFY WHAT THE FINAL PRICE IS.



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1  
2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE AND I'M  
3 CONCERNED ABOUT IT, IN MANY RESPECTS. NUMBER ONE, OUR ABILITY  
4 TO OPERATE. THAT'S ONE ISSUE, AND THERE'S A WHOLE SERIES OF  
5 QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE. SECOND ISSUE IS WHAT EXACTLY IT DOES  
6 AND WHAT IS WORTH IT AS TO WHAT IT DOES. THEN THE OTHER ISSUE  
7 IS SINCE WE'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING THIS THING IN THE LAST TWO  
8 WEEKS, WE HAVEN'T SAT ON OUR HANDS, WE'VE BEEN CHECKING OUT  
9 WHERE IS THIS OPERATING, WHERE IT'S BEEN FUNCTIONING, AND VERY  
10 FRANKLY, I'M VERY CONCERNED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE I  
11 WOULD WANT YOU TO EXPLAIN ALL OF THE REASONS WHY, IN EVERY  
12 SINGLE ONE OF THESE COUNTIES, INCLUDING RIVERSIDE WHERE WE'RE  
13 GOING, THIS THING HAS NEVER COME IN ON BUDGET, ON TIME, AND  
14 WITHOUT CONSTANT CORRECTIONS. IS THIS THE BEST WE CAN GET IN  
15 SOFTWARE? IS THIS THE NATURE OF THIS CHNOLOGY? SO THERE'S A  
16 LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ASKED. NOW, IF I'M NOT GOING  
17 TO BE PERMITTED TO DO THIS AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A MAJOR  
18 PURCHASE, I THINK THERE IS AN ISSUE ABOUT THE BUDGET. YOU  
19 KNOW, DO YOU SPEND 60 SOME MILLION DOLLARS OR 160 SOME MILLION  
20 DOLLARS ON THIS AT THIS TIME? DOES IT DO WHAT IT'S GOING TO  
21 DO? AND YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST IN THE BACK ROOM. I WANT YOU TO  
22 KNOW THIS. THE BACK ROOM, WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, THE  
23 CONTROVERSY OF THE COMPUTER IN CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, I DON'T  
24 KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HEARD ABOUT IT, BUT THOSE FOLKS DID NOT  
25 WANT TO GET ON THE COMPUTER, AND THEY COMPLAINED ABOUT IT,



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1 THEY USED TO COME HERE ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND WE SAID, "YOU  
2 WILL GET ON THE COMPUTER. WE PAID A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE  
3 CHILDREN SERVICES COMPUTER. WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE CHILDREN ARE  
4 AT ALL TIMES, WE NEED TO KNOW." WELL, GUESS WHAT. I JUST FOUND  
5 OUT, WHAT, DAVID AND I JUST FOUND OUT A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO  
6 THAT THERE WAS A SIDE AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED WITH THE  
7 UNIONS SAYING, "IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PUT STUFF ON THE  
8 COMPUTER, YOU DON'T GOTTA." THAT'S AMAZING TO ME. SO ALL THIS  
9 TIME, WHERE WE'VE BEEN PAYING FOR THIS HIGH TECHNOLOGY, I'M IN  
10 THE PROCESS, AS I SAID, I WOULD TRACK THE KIDS AT MACLAREN.  
11 WELL, THEY CAN'T DO IT. IT TAKES TOO MUCH WORK. IT TAKES TOO  
12 MUCH PAPER. THEY GAVE ME SETS OF FILES OF WHAT THEY NEED TO GO  
13 LOOK THROUGH. AND I SAID WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COMPUTER? IT'S  
14 ON A COMPUTER SCREEN. AND THEY SAID NO, BECAUSE THEY DON'T PUT  
15 IT ON THERE. THE SOCIAL WORKERS DO NOT PUT THE INFORMATION ON  
16 THE COMPUTER.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA -- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
19 WANTS TO ASK A QUESTION, BUT LET ME JUST CLARIFY. IS YOUR  
20 QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD DID IT AT ALL OR WHETHER YOUR  
21 POSITION IS THAT WE SHOULD GO WITH THE OTHER BIDDER?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THERE'S LEGITIMATE  
24 REASON TO QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD DO IT AT THIS TIME.  
25 THAT'S ONE ISSUE, AND THAT CAN BE ANYBODY'S JUDGMENT. MY



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1 INTEREST AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IN LOOKING AT IT, WAS TO GO TO  
2 RIVERSIDE AND SEE, YOU KNOW, HOW TO IMPLEMENT IT, HOW MANY  
3 PEOPLE DID YOU NEED TO TRAIN, HOW DOES IT WORK, HOW DOES IT  
4 FUNCTION, LEGITIMATE KINDS OF THINGS. SINCE THEN, I'VE FOUND A  
5 LOT OF INFORMATION, BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WE COULD AT  
6 LEAST HAVE THE COURTESY OF GOING OUT THERE. IF YOU HAVE A  
7 PLACE THAT YOU CAN BRING IT TO ME, I'D LIKE TO SEE IT. I JUST  
8 FIND IT TROUBLESOME. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO DO.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE REASON I ASK THAT QUESTION IS IF YOU  
11 HAVE NO QUESTION ABOUT A DETERMINATION BETWEEN THE TWO BIDDERS  
12 --

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO NOT. AGAIN, WHAT DON, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE  
15 OTHER BIDDER, I DON'T KNOW HIS HISTORY. I KNOW THIS ONE HAS AN  
16 UNBELIEVABLE ROCKY SYSTEM ABOUT WHY THESE GUYS DON'T DELIVER  
17 ON TIME AND ON SCHEDULE. I MEAN, L.A. CITY SCRAPPED THEIR 22-  
18 MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT JUST LAST YEAR OF PEOPLESOFT. AND SO  
19 I'M CONCERNED. BUT AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THAT. I  
20 STARTED LOOKING INTO IT. I'M AS PREPARED TO ASK QUESTIONS, BUT  
21 I DID WANT TO SEE RIVERSIDE AT THE SAME TIME. IF THIS CHOO  
22 CHOO HAS LEFT THE STATION AND MY ONLY OPTION IS TO VOTE "NO,"  
23 I WOULD RATHER THAT WE AT LEAST BE --

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT I WAS SAYING WAS THAT IF IT'S A MATTER  
2   THAT YOU WANT TO RECONSIDER THE WHOLE ISSUE OF DETERMINING  
3   WHICH BIDDER, BECAUSE THERE ARE PROS AND CONS ON BOTH SIDES,  
4   AS I HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE, BUT IF YOU ARE -- YOUR QUESTION  
5   IS WHETHER WE SHOULD DO IT AT ALL, THEN WHATEVER NEGOTIATION  
6   THEY DO WOULD SEEM TO ME IT'S NOT GOING TO BE HARMFUL BECAUSE  
7   IF YOU WON'T LIKE IT, IT'S JUST GOING TO BE, "NO, WE DON'T DO  
8   IT," AND SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE COULD MOVE FORWARD,  
9   PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING --

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FAIR. I DON'T MIND PRELIMINARY  
12   NEGOTIATIONS SO THEY CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING, BUT  
13   I THINK THIS HAS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR A REVIEW AFTER WE DO THE  
14   RIVERSIDE TRIP. I THINK THAT'S LEGIT.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE WHOLE POINT HERE IS THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL  
17   TELL US WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH IT WILL COST YET. I  
18   MEANTHAT'S PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS FAR AS THE BUDGET  
19   WHETHER WE CAN OR CAN'T DO IT.

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN ASSURE YOU, THEIR TRACK HISTORY SAYS  
22   WHATEVER THEY SAY IT WILL COST YOU, IT'S MORE, NOW THAT'S  
23   THEIR OWN HISTORY.

24

25   **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S UNISYS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THIS IS PEOPLESOFT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LIKE EVERY SINGLE COMPUTER SYSTEM WE HAD.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK MS. MOLINA HAD A SUGGESTION, AND IF  
7 I READ IT CORRECTLY, THAT WE COULD SCHEDULE A HEARING ON THIS  
8 EVEN AFTER WE -- WHILE THEY'RE NEGOTIATING.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I THINK THEIR QUESTIONS, LEGITIMATE  
11 QUESTIONS TO ASK.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING. THAT  
14 WOULD MAKE ME MORE COMFORTABLE, TOO.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. WHAT HAS BEEN THE  
19 PROCESS UP TO NOW? HAS OUR STAFF, OUR DEPUTIES, HAVE THE  
20 SUPERVISORS BEEN INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS AND INPUT FROM THE  
21 C.A.O. AND THE C.I.O. ON THIS AND --

22

23 **JON FULLINWIDER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YES. WE BEGAN THIS  
24 PROJECT IN 1999 WHEN THE SHERIFF WAS LOOKING AT BASICALLY  
25 EMBARKING AND DEVELOPING THIS CAPABILITY, AND WE ASK A MORE





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1 BASIC QUESTION. WE SAID IS THIS TYPE OF SOLUTION, WHICHEVER  
2 PRODUCT YOU PICK, IS IT A DEPARTMENTAL SOLUTION OR IS IT TRULY  
3 AN ENTERPRISE SOLUTION. WE ENGAGED DELOITTE CONSULTING TO  
4 ASSIST US IN THAT EVALUATION, ET CETERA, AND THEY SAID IF  
5 YOU'RE GOING TO EMBARK ON ENTERPRISE TYPE SYSTEMS TO REPLACE  
6 YOUR ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS THEN CERTAINLY YOU SHOULD LOOK AT  
7 PRODUCTS CALLED ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOLUTIONS. AND  
8 THAT LED US DOWN A ROAD AND KIND OF CULMINATED IN AUGUST OF  
9 2001 WHEN WE CAME BEFORE YOUR BOARD AND WE SAID, "WE'D LIKE TO  
10 GO FORWARD WITH AN R.S.P., IT LOOKS LIKE IT HAS MERIT, ET  
11 CETERA, AND WE'D LIKE TO GET SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THIS. AND  
12 YOU ALL GAVE US AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THAT. WE ENGAGED  
13 GOVERNMENT OFFICE FINANCE ASSOCIATION TO ASSISTED WITH THAT.  
14 WE'VE HAD OVER 155 PEOPLE FROM ALMOST ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
15 PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT. THE EVALUATION TEAM WAS COMPRISED  
16 OF 25 DIFFERENT WORK GROUPS. EVERYTHING WENT FROM THE TIME  
17 THAT WE -- YOU GAVE US AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED IN AUGUST OF  
18 2001, WE HIT EVERY ONE OF OUR MILESTONES. WE WERE NOT LATE ON  
19 ANY MILESTONE IN GETTING THIS PROJECT COMPLETE UP UNTIL THE  
20 TIME WE SAID WE'RE GOING TO DELAY THE PROJECT AND COMING  
21 FORWARD TO THE BOARD. HOWEVER, ALL THE DETAILED INFORMATION  
22 WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ALL OF OUR STAFF HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
2   OF BEING IN THE MEETINGS AND ENGAGING IN THE DIALOGUE AND  
3   KEEPING US BRIEFED.

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5   **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE EXAMPLES OF COST SAVING  
8   OPPORTUNITIES IF THIS IS IMPLEMENTED?

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEY DON'T HAVE THAT DOCUMENTED YET.

11

12   **J. TYLER McCAULEY:** I HAVE MORE INFORMATION, BUT RIGHT OFF THE  
13   TOP, THE NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SYSTEM WILL ALLOW THAT  
14   WE DON'T HAVE NOW TO TRACK THINGS MORE CAREFULLY. CONTRACT  
15   MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR A LONG TIME HERE. PURCHASING  
16   MANAGEMENT, WHERE YOU CAN MAKE SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE  
17   TO FOLLOW THE RULES. THINGS LIKE THAT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
18   WOULD BE THE COST SAVING OPPORTUNITIES. ALSO A BIG ONE IS THAT  
19   GETTING RID OF ALL OF THE SHADOW SYSTEMS THAT HAVE BEEN  
20   DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS INSTEAD OF ONE SYSTEM, BUT I'LL HAVE  
21   TO BE FRANK, THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT -- THIS COULD COST US MORE  
22   ON AN OPERATING BASIS. IT'S A SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES A WHOLE LOT  
23   MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, SO -- BUT THOSE SAVINGS ARE  
24   INHERENT OR BUILT INTO THAT SYSTEM.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE HAVING A SYSTEM THAT WILL PROVIDE  
2   ADDITIONAL SERVICES THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING USED THAT  
3   WOULD ENHANCE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF DEPARTMENTS. HOW  
4   OLD WOULD MANDATES SUCH AS DIRECT DEPOSIT RELATE TO OUR  
5   CURRENT SYSTEM?

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7   **J. TYLER McCAULEY:** IT WAS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT POINTS TO  
8   THE RISK OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM, WHICH IS OVER 15 YEARS OLD,  
9   AND IT'S MOST OF MY FEEDER SYSTEMS OR MY SYSTEM, THE AUDITOR-  
10   CONTROLLER RUNS MOST OF THEM, ARE UP FOR 20 TO 30 YEARS OLD,  
11   AND WHEN DIRECT DEPOSIT WAS MANDATED BY THE FEDERAL  
12   GOVERNMENT, IT WAS A REAL EFFORT TO GET IT TO WORK WITH THE  
13   CAPS SYSTEM, IS THE NAME OF OUR SYSTEM, AND THOSE ARE THE  
14   THINGS THAT POINT TO -- THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER THINGS LIKE  
15   THE AVAILABILITY TO STAFF AND SUPPORT STAFF THAT KNOW HOW TO  
16   RUN THE SYSTEM THAT REALLY POINT TO THE RISKS OF THE STATUS  
17   QUO, AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT ANOTHER MANDATE, WHETHER OR NOT  
18   I'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT. WE WERE ABLE TO DO THE DIRECT DEPOSIT  
19   MANDATE.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS KIND OF LIKE BUYING A NEWER CAR THAT  
22   HAS -- YOU'RE PAYING A LITTLE EXTRA FOR THE SMOG ENHANCEMENTS  
23   TO FIGHT POLLUTION AND YOU'LL GET BETTER MILEAGE AND A CLEANER  
24   OPERATING VEHICLE. IT MAY COST A DOLLAR OR TWO OR MORE, BUT  
25   IT'S GOING TO ALLOW MORE PRODUCTIVITY AND CLEAN UP THE



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1 ENVIRONMENT, THIS IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO CLEAN UP WHAT THE  
2 LEFT HAND DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT-HAND IS DOING AND WE  
3 DELIVER OUR SERVICES A LITTLE MORE PUNCTUALY?

4

5 **J.TYLER McCAULEY:** ABSOLUTELY, A LOT OF THE CONTROLS THAT YOU  
6 CAN BUILD INTO THIS SYSTEM I CAN'T DO TODAY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AS YOU READ THE  
11 REPORT, THAT'S THE PROMISE. THAT'S THE PROMISE.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S LIKE A WEDDING, IT'S A PROMISE.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND KEEP IN MIND LIKE A WEDDING, EVERYONE TAKES A  
16 RISK ON THEIR SIDE. THIS IS A TAXPAYER RISK AND THAT'S THE  
17 ISSUE HERE. PEOPLESOFT DO NOT HAVE GOOD CREDENTIALS IN THIS  
18 AREA. THAT IS A CONCERN. I MEAN, CAL STATE, THE WHOLE STATE  
19 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, EVEN RIVERSIDE, WHICH IS A SMALLER COUNTY  
20 THAN US, DID NOT COME ON TIME AND ON BUDGET. SO AGAIN, I  
21 UNDERSTAND THINGS COST MORE. MY CONCERN IS, AND I REALLY  
22 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IN THE MOTION WE ASK FOR WEEKLY AND  
23 MONTHLY REPORTS, IT WAS WELL DONE, IT WAS WELL DOCUMENTED, AND  
24 I UNDERSTAND THE HURDLES THAT YOU'VE GONE THROUGH AND I  
25 APPRECIATE THOSE THINGS, BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS, THAT



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1 IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GETTING  
2 INTO WHEN YOU BECOME A PART OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS  
3 NEGOTIATIONS, THE PRICE, AS SOMEBODY SAID, "OH, THE PRICE IS  
4 GOING TO GO UP," YEA, IT'S GOING TO GO UP, BUT I CAN GUARANTEE  
5 IT WILL GO UP IN THE END. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A PEOPLESOFT  
6 PROJECT DELIVERED ON TIME, ON SCHEDULE, AND ON BUDGET, EVER.  
7 THAT'S THEIR HISTORY, SO YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO COST YOU MORE.  
8 BUT IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HAVE THIS KIND OF A COMPROMISE, I  
9 THINK WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK TO DO. I THINK WE SHOULD BE  
10 VERY NERVOUS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD. TECHNOLOGY IS TOUGH FOR  
11 THIS COUNTY, BUT HEY, TECHNOLOGY IS TOUGH FOR EVERYBODY, AS WE  
12 HAVE SEEN. THE STATE HAS HAD VARIOUS FAILED PROJECTS, THE CITY  
13 HAS IT'S FAILED PROJECTS. IT SHOULD WORK. WHAT I WANT TO MAKE  
14 SURE IS THAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK, JUST LIKE LEADER, I WANT  
15 ACCOUNTABILITY, I WANT TO PUT THAT IN PLACE. I DON'T WANT THEM  
16 TO SELL ME AN EDESEL AND THEN TURN AROUND AND TELL ME I SHOULD  
17 APPRECIATE IT AND TELL ME IT'S GOING TO COST SO MUCH MORE IF I  
18 WANT TO CHANGE IT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE'RE HAVING NEGOTIATIONS TO MAKE  
21 SURE WE DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIATIONS, MICHAEL. THAT'S  
24 NOT THE POINT. MY POINT IS, ARE YOU NEGOTIATING AN EDESEL OR  
25 ARE YOU NEGOTIATING A CADILLAC? THE ISSUE IS WHAT IS IT YOU'RE



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1 GOING TO BUY HERE? AND THEIR HISTORY, UNFORTUNATELY, AS WE'VE  
2 LOOKED INTO IT, SCARES ME.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I MAKE A COMMENT ON THAT?  
5 AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT AN EXPERT ON PEOPLESOFT OR SAP OR I.B.M.  
6 OR ORACLE. BUT I UNDERSTAND THE CITY'S-- VERY LITTLE, BUT I'M  
7 GOING TO SPEAK ANYWAY. THE CITY'S PROBLEM WASN'T WITH THE  
8 SOFTWARE, IT WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION. WHAT WE FOUND OUT WHEN WE  
9 VISITED THE OTHER COUNTIES, AND THEY DIDN'T JUST DO  
10 PEOPLESOFT. THERE WERE OTHER VENDORS AS WELL. THE SOFTWARE IS  
11 SOLID, IT'S STRAIGHTFORWARD, IT'S THE IMPLEMENTATION THAT IS  
12 VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. AND WHERE THESE UNDERTAKINGS IF WE  
13 ASTRAY, IT'S BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION HASN'T DEDICATED ENOUGH  
14 PEOPLE TO IT, THEY HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH HIGH-LEVEL CONSISTENT  
15 SUPPORT OF IT, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO CHANGE THEIR  
16 BUSINESS PRACTICES TO BE CLOSER TO WHAT THE SOFTWARE WILL  
17 ADDRESS, IT'S NOT, BY AND LARGE, RELATED TO THE SOFTWARE, AND  
18 THAT IS FRANKLY WHAT ALL OF US IN L.A. COUNTY ARE CONCERNED  
19 ABOUT AS WELL, IS DOES THE COUNTY HAVE THE ABILITY TO TAKE ANY  
20 SOFTWARE, WHETHER IT'S PEOPLESOFT, SAP, ORACLE, WHATEVER, AND  
21 BE SUCCESSFUL. THAT'S THE REAL QUESTION, NOT WHETHER OR NOT  
22 THE SOFTWARE CAN DELIVER. IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED UNDERTAKING  
23 BUT IT'S RELATED TO CHANGING BUSINESS PRACTICES MORE THAN IT  
24 IS ANY PARTICULAR SOFTWARE.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NO DOUBT. BUT AGAIN, EVERY PART OF WHAT  
2   YOU READ IN THIS AND THROUGH THE PROCESS, THAT'S WHAT MY  
3   CONCERN IS, AND THAT'S WHY I THINK QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ASKED,  
4   INCLUDING AS YOU NEGOTIATE. EVERY SINGLE VENDOR THAT CAME TO  
5   US SAID, "WE WILL NOT GUARANTEE IT." NO ONE WILL GUARANTEED  
6   IT. THEY ARE NOT EVEN WILLING TO PROTECT THIS COUNTY SHOULD  
7   THIS THING FAIL ALTOGETHER, AND THAT'S A CONCERN. SO THAT  
8   SHOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT THESE ARE THINGS THAT  
11   MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. FIRST OF ALL, WHAT  
12   EXACTLY THE COST IS GOING TO BE, THE ADAPTABILITY, AND THAT, I  
13   UNDERSTAND, IS THE BIG ISSUE, WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN -- YOU  
14   HAVE TO ADAPT IT TO EVERY SINGLE TRANSACTION DIFFERENTLY, AND  
15   THAT'S ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES, SO THAT IF WE JUST SAY THAT  
16   WE'RE MAKING NO COMMITMENT BUT WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH  
17   PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE WILL HAVE A FULL HEARING TO  
18   LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE ISSUES AND -- ARE YOU MOVING THAT,  
19   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH OR YAROSLAVSKY? SECOND? AND WITHOUT  
20   OBJECTION --

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I'D LIKE TO ABSTAIN.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA --

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WAIT A MINUTE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BEFORE YOU  
2   ABSTAIN, YOU HAVE TO DO THREE AMENDMENTS.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY? I'M SORRY? [ LAUGHTER ].

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TO HAVE THREE AMENDMENTS TO  
7   ABSTAIN.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I KNOW. I JUST WANTED TO COPY MY --

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT WEEK, I'M GOING TO BRING -- NEXT WEEK -  
12   - THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE SHERIFF'S  
13   CONTRACT AT THE M.T.A. BUT NEXT WEEK, I'M GOING TO BRING A  
14   TOAD IN FOR ADOPT AN ANIMAL AND SEE IF WE CAN GET THAT GOING.  
15   MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE --

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ADD, ANYTHING TO  
18   THIS BUILDING THAT'S GOING TO STOP GRAND.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THAT?

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU BRING A TOAD OUT THERE, IT WILL STOP  
23   GRAND.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUT IT IN THE CAFETERIA. I HAVE ONE OTHER  
2    ITEM I THINK I WAS HOLDING.

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4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAD 18.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 18. YEAH. HEH. I WAS GOING TO MOVE AS A  
7    SUBSTITUTE FOR ITEM 18 THAT WE REQUEST THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
8    KEEP US APPRISED OF THE STATUS OF THE CASE, BUT NOT FILE AN  
9    AMICUS.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A SECOND?

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13   **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY  
16   OBJECTION TO THAT?

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18   **SPEAKER:** YES.

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20   **SPEAKER:** YES.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

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24   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION, SUPERVISOR  
25   MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEA.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEA.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A BIT OF

9 DISCUSSION BEFORE YOU CALL THE ROLL. AT LEAST ALLOW

10 DISCUSSION.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE CAN HAVE DISCUSSION. I DIDN'T SEE

13 YOU RAISING THE HAND.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SOMEHOW WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS FILING THESE

16 AMICUS BRIEFS AND RAISING THE ISSUES AND SPENDING 800,000

17 DOLLARS INTERNALLY ON OUR GUN SITUATION WHERE WE'RE STILL

18 MONITORING, WHERE WE WON A FEW AND LOST A FEW. I MEAN, I DON'T

19 SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS JUST FILING A BRIEF TO SUPPORT ONE

20 NATION UNDER GOD, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF EVERYTHING THAT'S

21 GOING ON RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, MY FEELING IS THAT IF IT WAS A CASE

24 WHERE IT HAD BEEN -- WE HAD BEEN SUED, THAT WE WOULD HAVE A

25 DIRECT OBLIGATION TO DO THAT. THIS IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE



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1 CASE IS MOVING ALONG, IT'S GOING TO GO TO THE SUPREME COURT. I  
2 JUST DON'T SEE WHERE WE WOULD ADD ANYTHING AND WHY WE WOULD  
3 HAVE ALL OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, OUTSIDE COUNSEL FILING AMICUS  
4 BRIEFS. WE'VE TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS. WE'RE GOING TO BE  
5 SUPPORTIVE, WE'LL WATCH IT, WE CAN TESTIFY OR DO WHATEVER WE  
6 WANT AT ANY TRIAL, BUT TO SAY THAT WE WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN  
7 FILING AMICUS BRIEFS, WE HAVE ENOUGH LAWSUITS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SUED BEFORE TO FILE ALL THOSE  
10 OTHER AMICUS BRIEFS. SO THAT'S WHY I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT  
11 THE ISSUE.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL JUST FOR THE RECORD THE GUN ISSUES WERE  
14 NOT AMICUS, WE ARE PLAINTIFFS IN THOSE SUITS AS WE WERE IN THE  
15 TOBACCO LAWSUIT. WE HAD A LOT RIDING ON IT. IN A TOBACCO CASE,  
16 WE SO-CALLED STRUCK IT RICH AND WE HAVEN'T ON THE OTHER ONE.  
17 IT'S DIFFERENT THAN AN AMICUS. I DON'T THINK IT'S AN ISSUE WE  
18 SUPPORT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ALL FIVE OF US RECITE IT  
19 EVERY WEEK HERE AND MAYBE MORE OFTEN THAN THAT, THE ISSUE IS  
20 WHETHER WE WANT TO GET INVOLVED AS AMICUS WITH THE RESOURCES  
21 THAT'S INVOLVED IN THAT ON A CASE THAT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS WELL ON ITS WAY AND FRANKLY, WE HAVEN'T  
23 BEEN INVOLVED IN THAT MANY AMICUS SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL I KNOW WE DID AN AMICUS BRIEF ON ALAMEDA  
2    COUNTIES' GUN CASE WHERE WE WERE NOT INVOLVED. BUT IT SEEMS IT  
3    WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE WE ARE INVOLVED NOT COUNTY SCHOOL  
4    DISTRICT, THERE ARE MANY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5    ANGELES THAT ARE IMPACTED, EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN NINE  
6    WESTERN DISTRICTS ARE IMPACTED BY THIS DECISION, INCLUDING OUR  
7    OWN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AND IT'S NOT  
8    AN AREA THAT COULD NOT STAND TO HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE  
9    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I NOTICE THE CONGRESS HAD A -- I BELIEVE  
10   IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE. THE UNITED STATES SENATE. AND IT  
11   SEEMED TO ME THAT BECAUSE IT DOES IMPACT OUR COUNTY SCHOOLS,  
12   THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OUGHT TO STAND AS HAS BEEN RECITED  
13   FOR THE PAST 50, 60 YEARS, AND THAT'S WHY I HAD INTRODUCED THE  
14   MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT WE FILE AMICUS BRIEF, AND  
15   MR. PELLMAN CAN BASICALLY JUST TELL US THAT IT'S FILING A  
16   STATEMENT THAT WILL BE READ BY THE COURT WHEN IT'S BEFORE THE  
17   SUPREME COURT. IS THAT RIGHT, MR. PELLMAN?

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19   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YOUR QUESTION SUPERVISOR DEALS WITH WHETHER  
20   THERE WOULD BE AN AMICUS BRIEF?

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FILING AN AMICUS BRIEF THAT WOULD BE READ BY  
23   THE COURT AS PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

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1   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WE RECENTLY DID ONE ON THE KIEFLER CASE THAT  
2   WAS DECIDED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN OUR DECISION  
3   OVERTURNING THE STATE OF WASHINGTON WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER OR  
4   NOT IN THE CHILD CARE PROVISION THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE  
5   TO BE THE RECIPIENT, THE PAYEE ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD  
6   REGARDING S.S.I. PAYMENTS THAT WOULD BE THEN BE EXPENDED FOR  
7   THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN. SO THERE HAVE BEEN IN SOME  
8   LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE FILED AN AMICUS BRIEF, BUT IT'S  
9   UP TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FILED, IN BOTH CASES,  
12   THE ALAMEDA CASE, WE HAD A STAKE IN THAT BECAUSE WE HAD A  
13   COMPANION CASE IN DEALING WITH POMONA -- THE GUN SHOW AT THE  
14   L.A. COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN POMONA. TWO PARALLEL CASES. SO WE  
15   HAD A STAKE IN THAT. ON THIS, WE HAD A STAKE, A DIRECT STAKE  
16   THAT RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS A  
17   CORPORATE ENTITY. THIS IS A POLITICAL THING. AND I UNDERSTAND  
18   IT. I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO DO IT. I THINK WE CAN ALL  
19   JUST MAKE OUR STATEMENTS. I DON'T KNOW OF A SINGLE PERSON HERE  
20   WHO HAS A DISSENT WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THIS IS JUST  
21   RIDICULOUS. WHETHER WE GET INVOLVED IN EVERY CASE AROUND THE  
22   COUNTRY THAT YOU THINK IS IMPORTANT THAT I THINK IS  
23   UNIMPORTANT THAT IS UNRELATED TO THE CORPORATE INTERESTS OF  
24   THIS ORGANIZATION, I THINK WE CAN RUN THIS GUY CRAZY, AND  
25   THAT'S REALLY THE ISSUE, AND IT'S NOT AN ISSUE ABOUT UNDER



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1 GOD, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IT'S NOT AN ISSUE ABOUT THE  
2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IT'S JUST AN  
3 ISSUE ABOUT HOW MANY AMICUS BRIEFS WHERE WE DON'T HAVE  
4 CORPORATE INTEREST TO BENEFIT FROM THIS OR REGISTERING OUR  
5 POSITION DO WE WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN. IT COSTS HIM MONEY  
6 EVERY TIME WE DO IT. IT COSTS HIM A LAWYER EVERY TIME WE DO  
7 IT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** NO KIDDING.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DO IT ALL THE TIME.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY AND STATE  
16 IS IMPACTED BY THE DECISION.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MANY OF THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE  
19 FILED AN AMICUS? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO AT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES, BUT I KNOW THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES HAVE SCHOOL  
23 DISTRICTS UNDER OUR JURISDICTION AND FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE  
24 THE LEAD WOULD BE A RESPONSIBLE ACTION.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? WOULD YOU CALL  
2    THE ROLL?

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. I'LL START AGAIN ON THE SUBSTITUTE  
5    MOTION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

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9    **CLERK VANA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEA.

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13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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15   **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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17   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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21   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THE MOTION IS CARRIED.

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25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR I THINK THAT'S ALL I HAD.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TODAY.

5 FIRST OF ALL, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS GOING TO DO

6 THE SAME THING. I THINK WE ALL WANT TO JOIN IN THIS ONE. WE

7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. HUGH DINES, PASSED AWAY ON MARCH

8 22ND, 90 YEARS OLD, WHO WE ALL KNOW SPENT HIS LIFE IN PUBLIC

9 SERVICE HAVING SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE MONTEREY PARK CITY

10 COUNCIL IN THE LATE '40S. HE HAD THE DISTINCTION OF SERVING AS

11 CHIEF DEPUTY AND WITH MANY GREAT STORIES FOR THREE DIFFERENT

12 SUPERVISORS HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM 1949 TO

13 1977. HE SERVED AS CHIEF DEPUTY HERB LEG, FRANK BANELLY AND

14 PETE SCHABARUM. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING MANY OF THE

15 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COUNTY FACILITIES THAT MUCH OF THE

16 POPULATION DEPENDS ON TODAY. HE WAS A LEGEND IN COUNTY

17 GOVERNMENT AND HAD INCREDIBLE ENERGY UP TO THE VERY VERY END.

18 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE DAUGHTERS, MARILYN, JUDY AND ELLEN,

19 HIS TWO SONS, BOB AND DENNIS, AND IN ADDITION HE HAS 19

20 GRANDCHILDREN, 28 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT, GREAT

21 GRANDCHILDREN AND HIS LONG-TIME COMPANION, BARBARA HENDERSON.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF US MARINCE  
2   LANCE CORPORAL --

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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6   **SUP. KNABE:** JOSE GUTIERREZ, LAST FRIDAY, LANCE CORPORAL  
7   GUTIERREZ LOST HIS LIFE IN IRAQ FIGHTING FOR HIS ADOPTED  
8   COUNTRY. HE DIED AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 22. HE WAS A  
9   RESIDENT OF LOMITA. AS A BOY, JOSE LIVED A VERY POOR LIFE IN  
10   HIS NATIVE GUATEMALA. GUTIERREZ'S MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS  
11   THREE AND BECAME A HOMELESS ORPHAN AT THE AGE OF EIGHT WHEN  
12   HIS FATHER DIED. HE DREAMED OF A BETTER LIFE HERE IN THE  
13   UNITED STATES AND AS A 14 YEAR OLD HE MADE THE 2,000-MILE  
14   JOURNEY TO THE U.S. BY HOPPING TRAINS AND BUSES WITH ANOTHER  
15   HOMELESS BOY. WHEN HE ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE  
16   COUNTY'S FOSTER CARE SYSTEM FOUND HIM A LOVING HOME. HE LATER  
17   ATTENDED HARBOR COLLEGE IN WILMINGTON AND ACCORDING TO HIS  
18   FOSTER BROTHER, HE JOINED THE MARINES TO PAY BACK A LITTLE OF  
19   WHAT HE GOT HERE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. FOR HIM IT  
20   WAS A QUESTION OF HONOR. US MARINE LANCE CORPORAL GUTIERREZ  
21   LEFT GUATEMALA, AN IMPOVERISHED ORPHAN AND HE RETURNED THERE  
22   AS AN ADOPTED SON AND HERO OF A VERY GRATEFUL NATION.

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24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF STANLEY BRISON WHO  
2    PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 2, A LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, UNCLE, AND  
3    PAPPA. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO WE  
4    ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY LOUISE DUNLAP, A LIFELONG LONG  
5    BEACH RESIDENT AND HER DAUGHTER LORI HUGHES, CURENTLY SERVES  
6    AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
7    AT L.A.X. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD  
8    ERNEST, A LOS ANGELES CITY FIREMAN. HE IS THE FATHER OF SANDI  
9    MERSH AND BROTHER ALITA JOHN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
10    MEMORY OF DONALD SLEEGER, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 11, LONG-TIME  
11    RESIDENT OF NORWALK. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ADA, HIS SONS  
12    JAMES AND DAUGHTER CAROL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
13    OF KEN SEDEQUIST. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS,  
14    DOLORES, DAUGHTERS CAROL, KATHERINE, DONNA, MARY, HELEN, ANN,  
15    LINDA AND JANET, 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD.  
16    PROUDLY SERVED AS A DECORATED NAVAL AVIATOR FOR 28 YEARS. ALSO  
17    THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LAURA LEE O'HARA SOBCHACK, A  
18    LOVING WIFE OF 39 YEARS TO ADOLPH, MOTHER OF ROBERT AND  
19    DANIEL, GRANDMOTHER OF KRISTEN, SISTER OF GERALDINE, JANET,  
20    EILEEN AND LISA. SHE WORKED AS AN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
21    TEACHER, SOCIAL WORKER, READING SPECIALIST AND PARALEGAL.  
22    SHE'LL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER FOR HER KIND HEART,  
23    COMPLETE DEVOTION AS A MOTHER, HER LOVE FOR LITERATURE, HER  
24    SENSE OF HUMOR AND UNDAUNTING INNER STRENGTH. ALSO THAT WE  
25    ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WILMA STEMLER, A REDANDO BEACH





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1 RESIDENT FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS, SHE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF  
2 THE SOUTH BAY LEGAL SECRETARIES ORGANIZATION, ACTIVE IN A  
3 CHURCH AND A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS. HER SON PAUL  
4 IS THE DEPUTY COUNTY SHERIFF. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I HAD NOT HELD ANYTHING. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALONG WITH JOINING IN IN THE ADJOURNMENT  
13 MOMENT OF HUGH DINES, HE WAS SERVED AS ONE OF MY APPOINTEES TO  
14 THE TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD AND FOR 90 YEARS OF AGE, HE HAD MORE  
15 STAMINA AND ENERGY THAN MANY, MANY INDIVIDUALS HALF HIS AGE.  
16 HE ALWAYS WORKED A FULL DAY, HAD ENTHUSIASM AND STAMINA AND  
17 WHAT WAS -- NICE PART IS HE DIED WITH HIS BOOTS ON. HE WAS  
18 ACTIVE 'TIL THE END, UNTIL HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL A WEEK OR  
19 TWO AGO. A VERY GOOD ROLE MODEL AND FULL OF ENTHUSIASM AND  
20 LIFE. I'D ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MY  
21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S MOTHER, JOYCE TOSHIKO MATAMURA, WHO  
22 PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, MOTHER OF LINDA ALDERAMA.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE'S A LONG-TIME TORRANCE RESIDENT, LOVING  
2    WIFE, MOTHER, AND GRANDMOTHER. SHE LEAVES BEHIND TWO  
3    DAUGHTERS, TWO BROTHERS, ONE SISTER AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND  
4    FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A VERY WONDERFUL LADY. I'VE  
5    KNOWN HER FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND SHE WAS JUST A VERY POSITIVE,  
6    VERY NICE LADY. AND WE DID JOSE GUTIERREZ. ALSO MILTON ANTONIO  
7    PREGO, LONG-TIME LANCASTER RESIDENT WHO SERVED ON THE U.S.S.  
8    HORNET DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICTED AND WORKED AT THE CHEMICAL  
9    LAB AT THE ROCKET SITE AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE AND ACTIVE IN  
10   THE LITTLE LEAGUE LANCASTER YOUTH FOOTBALL IN MONTA VISTA  
11   LITTLE LEAGUE. MICHAEL GILMORE, 17-YEAR-OLD HIGH SCHOOL  
12   STUDENT FROM SAN DIMAS WHO DIED FROM A HEART CONDITION WHICH  
13   HE -- AND BEVERLY BROOKS LORD, DAUGHTER OF FRANK BROOKS,  
14   PRESIDENT OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES IN 1945 AND ONE OF THE  
15   FIRST WOMEN ADMITTED TO THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PASSED AWAY ON  
16   MARCH 15 AT THE AGE OF 77. SHE WAS A DRAFT PERSON DURING WORLD  
17   WAR II, MEMBERS OF THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE IN PASADENA AND  
18   BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DENTAL SOCIETY.  
19   HENRY MAGNESS, LONG TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT, RETIRED  
20   FROM EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. ROBERT MCCALLETTE FROM THE  
21   ANTELOPE VALLEY, FORMER TWO-TERM PRESIDENT OF THE BUILDING  
22   INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND WAS INVOLVED  
23   IN THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. JOSEPH MITCHELL ULNIK,  
24   WHO WAS A 26-YEAR AMATEUR WEATHERMAN, PROFESSIONAL RACER WHO  
25   PASSED AWAY AT WILLOW SPRINGS RACEWAY. HE HAD A WINNING SMILE



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1 AND WAS THE HAPPIEST WHEN RACING HIS MOTORCYCLE 255. AND PEGGY  
2 COB WALSH, WHO WAS DAUGHTER OF THE LATE SALLY COB AND  
3 STEPDAUGHTER OF ROBERT COB OF HOLD WHO WAS FAMOUS -- HOLLYWOOD  
4 WHO WAS FAMOUS FOR THE COB SALAD. SHE HAD DONE THE HISTORY OF  
5 THE BROWN DERBY AND SHE HAD ORGANIZED MAJOR EXHIBIT OF BROWN  
6 DERBY PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORABILIA. THOSE WERE THE ONES I WOULD  
7 LIKE TO ADJOURN IN.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE MOTIONS THAT I HAD THAT I WANTED  
12 TO ALSO BRING IN RELATIVE TO S-1 THAT WAS BEFORE US TODAY.  
13 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS IN NEW YORK AND  
14 WASHINGTON, D.C., THE BOARD APPROPRIATED FUNDING TO AUGMENT  
15 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THIS INCLUDED  
16 FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, BIO-TERRORISM  
17 INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOR PREPARATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
18 HOSPITALS THAT CONTINUE TO ADVANCE PREPAREDNESS OF THE HEALTH  
19 COMMUNITY. CURRENTLY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER AND CONTRACTED  
20 PRIVATE AMBULANCE COMPANIES ARE NOT CONSIDERED AS FIRST  
21 RESPONDERS. IF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS FACED WITH A CHEMICAL,  
22 BIOLOGICAL, OR RADIOLOGICAL EVENT, THESE AGENCIES WILL BE ON  
23 THE FRONT LINE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CORONER WILL RAPIDLY  
24 DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF VICTIMS WHILE PRIVATE  
25 AMBULANCE COMPANIES WILL BE CALLED TO TRANSPORT VICTIMS FROM



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1 THE SUPPORT ZONE OF AN INCIDENT TO THE HOSPITALS OR FIELD  
2 TREATMENT SITES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ADDRESS THESE  
3 AGENCIES NOT CONSIDERED AS FIRST RESPONDERS, SO I WOULD MOVE  
4 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN  
5 CONJUNCTION WITH THE C.A.O. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND  
6 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK ON APRIL 1ST REGARDING  
7 OPTIONS TO AUGMENT EXISTING PERSONNEL, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT  
8 SPECIFIED TO THE ROLES OF THE CORONER AND PRIVATE AMBULANCE  
9 COMPANIES IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS INCLUDING  
10 CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND RADIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE, TWO  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROVIDING FUNDING TO PRIVATE  
12 AMBULANCE COMPANIES THAT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY AND WILL  
13 THEY HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTING INJURED PERSONS  
14 WHO MAY HAVE CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, OR RADIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE  
15 AND, THREE, STATUS OF THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO  
16 APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO  
17 FIRE FIGHTERS' GRANTS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT FOR TODAY.

18  
19 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK  
20 AT A FUTURE MEETING. IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN CONJUNCTION  
21 WITH S-1, EITHER WAY.

22  
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. REPORT BACK. WAS THE A SECOND?  
2    WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. BAXTER HELD ITEM 36A.

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6    **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR.

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8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. BAXTER?

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10    **PETER BAXTER:** MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN,  
11    LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE AT  
12    1319 INGRAHAM STREET IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY  
13    SUBMITTED THAT THIS ITEM READS INTO THE RECORD THE TITLE OF  
14    PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GEORGE W. BUSH, AS IF THE  
15    COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DETERMINES POLICY. HOWEVER, AS I HAVE  
16    STATED ON OCCASION BEFORE YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, THE  
17    CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES FOR A FORM OF  
18    GOVERNMENT WHICH IS PARLIAMENTARY, NOT PRESIDENTIAL. THE  
19    CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES VESTS ALL LEGISLATIVE POWERS  
20    GRANTED BY THAT CONSTITUTION IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
21    STATES AND THAT AUTHORITY IS SET FORTH IN THE FIRST SECTION OF  
22    THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE CONGRESS AND ONLY  
23    THE CONGRESS IS EMPOWERED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO MAKE  
24    POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES. THE FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE IS  
25    CONFINED TO CARRYING OUT SUCH POLICIES AS MAY BE SET FORTH BY



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1 THE CONGRESS, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK  
2 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
5 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE  
10 ADJOURNMENTS? DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** UMM, I'M ASKING THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
13 EVA MARIE ANGEL. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. EVA AND I  
14 SERVED TOGETHER AS A BOARDMEMBER ON THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN  
15 EDUCATION AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, BUT WE ALSO HAD ANOTHER  
16 RELATIONSHIP IN THAT SHE WAS ALSO THE FIRST MEXICAN-AMERICAN  
17 WOMAN EVER TO BE ELECTED TO THE TEXAS HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES. SHE CHAMPIONED HIGHER EDUCATION AND THROUGH  
19 HER REMARKABLE LEADERSHIP ABILITY, SHE TOUCHED MANY LIVES AND  
20 LEFT A LEGACY FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY THAT WILL TRULY ENDURE.  
21 WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO EVA MARIE ANGEL'S  
22 FAMILY. AND THEN MADAM CHAIR, ON MY ITEMS, WE DID CONTINUE THE  
23 CORRECTIVE ACTION ON ITEM NUMBER 34, I UNDERSTAND YOU DID  
24 APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT, AND I SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT, BUT I DO





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1 NEED TO PUT IN THIS AMENDMENT TO IT, SO IF YOU'VE PERMIT ME, I  
2 THINK WE CAN STILL DO IT. IS THAT CORRECT, MR. PELLMAN?

3

4 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YOU SHOULD PROBABLY TECHNICALLY RECONSIDER  
5 IT, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA AND SECONDED NY YARASLOVSKY  
8 THAT WE RECONSIDER ITEM -- WHAT WAS IT?

9

10 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** 34.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. AND I STILL WANT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TO  
15 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE I THINK THERE ARE ISSUES TO  
16 DISCUSS, BUT THE ANALYSIS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN --

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. YOU CANNOT MAKE THAT MOTION.  
19 MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DIDN'T YOU VOTE "NO"?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WASN'T IN HERE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT --

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY I FOUND OUT, I WASN'T PHYSICALLY IN  
5 HERE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WAS TOLD YOU WERE VOTING NO.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I WAS IN THE BACK ROOM. I'M SORRY? DID YOU  
10 TAKE A VOICE VOTE?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** [ INAUDIBLE ].

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES I WAS GOING TO VOTE NO BUT I WAS IN THE BACK  
15 ROOM. THAT'S WHY I WAS GOING TO MAKE THIS MOTION. SO YOU DID  
16 IT WITHOUT ME.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. TAKE IT UP. SUPERVISOR  
19 MOLINA.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU OWE ME A VOTE "NO" ON THIS. THE ANALYSIS AND  
22 THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS PERTAINING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MUSSO STRIP  
24 SEARCH LITIGATION INDICATES THAT COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEWED  
25 SHERIFF'S POLICIES REGARDING STRIP SEARCHES WAS NOT



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1 CONSISTENTLY PEFORMED, THIS RESULTED IN A POLICY OF TWIN  
2 TOWERS THAT LACKED THE CLARITY AND SPECIFICITY TO PREVENT THE  
3 UNLAWFUL STRIP SEARCHES IN THE MUSSO CASE. THE VOTIN CASE AND  
4 IT RESULTED IN VERY COSTLY SETTLEMENTS. THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
5 PLAN STATES THAT IN THE FUTURE, COUNTY COUNSEL SHALL REVIEW  
6 SHERIFF POLICY AND POLICY CHANGES. THE HISTORY OF STRIP  
7 SEARCHES LITIGATION INDICATES THAT LESSONS HAVE NOT BEEN  
8 QUICKLY LEARNED FROM LITIGATION AND MISTAKES HAVE BEEN  
9 REPEATEDLY RESULTING IN COSTLY SETTLEMENTS FOR THE SAME  
10 MISTAKE. THE WILLIAMS CASE, FILED IN 1997, RESULTED IN TWO  
11 RULINGS IN 1998 AND 1999, BY JUDGE FLASER DECLARING THE  
12 SHERIFF'S POLICY OF STRIP SEARCHING PRE-RELEASED DETAINEES  
13 VIOLATED FOURTH AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, YET A YEAR  
14 AND A HALF LATER, THE MUSSO PLAINTIFFS WERE SUBJECTED TO PRE-  
15 RELEASED STRIP SEARCHES. FURTHERMORE IT WASN'T UNTIL JUNE OF  
16 2002, THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS AFTER THE FLASER RULING THAT THE  
17 SHERIFF'S POLICY CHANGED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULINGS.  
18 CONSEQUENTLY IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW OF  
19 SHERIFF'S POLICIES DONE WITH THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND TIMELY  
20 MANNER WITH THE GOAL OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND THE AVOIDANCE OF  
21 THIS COSTLY LITIGATION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PRESENT A PLAN TO THE  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 30 DAYS FOR THE REVIEW OF SHERIFF'S  
24 POLICIES WHICH INCLUDES A CRITERIA FOR REVIEW, A TIME LINE FOR  
25 REVIEW, A PROCESS REVIEW OF RELEVANT LAW AND CASE LAW



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1 GOVERNING THESE POLICIES AND THE PROCESS FOR INFORMING THE  
2 SHERIFF AND THE BOARD OF SURVISORS ON POLICY AREAS THAT MAY  
3 PRESENT LEGAL AND FINANCIAL RISK. AND THAT'S AMENDED, AND THEN  
4 HOPEFULLY WE CAN DISCUSS IT, WE CAN STILL DISCUSS THE STRIP  
5 SEARCH CASE. THE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO IT'S AS AMENDED -- [ MIXED VOICES ]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'S AMENDING ITEM 34 AS IT'S READ IN.

10

11 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** BUT MADAME CHAIR IF YOU INTEND TO DISCUSS IT  
12 IN CLOSED SESSION, YOU SHOULD NOT APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT UNTIL  
13 AFTER WE'VE DISCUSSED IT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

16

17 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** BECAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE PENDING LITIGATION  
18 TO BE THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THAT'S REALLY INTERESTING, I JUST ASKED  
21 MY STAFF IF I CAN DO THAT, AND THEY SAID THEY HAD CHECKED WITH  
22 YOU, THAT IF IN FACT WE COULD CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
23 FOR CLOSED SESSION.

24



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1   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION I WAS ASKED. I WAS  
2   ASKED WHETHER YOU COULD DO THIS MOTION IN CLOSED SESSION. I  
3   WAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER YOU SHOULD DO THIS OUT HERE. I  
4   INDICATED THAT THE MOTION SHOULD REALLY BE DONE OUT HERE  
5   BEFORE THERE'S DISCUSSION. I WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THAT YOU  
6   WERE GOING TO JUST VOTE "NO" ON THE MATTER AND IT WOULD NOT BE  
7   REFERRED TO IN THE CLOSED SESSION AT ALL.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I WOULD RATHER WE APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT, BUT  
10  IF WE CAN'T, I'D RATHER WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

11

12  **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** IF YOU WANT TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT IN CLOSED  
13  SESSION, YOU SHOULD NOT APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OUT HERE.

14

15  **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE SHOULD NOT APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT BECAUSE  
16  WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO CLOSE ACTION.

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18  **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** UNTIL AFTER WE'VE [ MIXED VOICES ].

19

20  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS ITEM IS GOING TO GO TO  
21  CLOSED SESSION?

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23  **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT WEEK.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK? OKAY. IT'S CONTINUED FOR ONE  
2    WEEK FOR CLOSED SESSION. YOU DIDN'T WANT IT TODAY IN CLOSED  
3    SESSION. FOR NEXT WEEK. WITHOUT OBJECTION, CONTINUED FOR ONE  
4    WEEK. ALL RIGHT. ONE WEEK. ALL RIGHT. I HAVE MY ADJOURNMENTS.  
5    I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
6    LOIS CONWAY, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO  
7    PASSED AWAY MARCH 15. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JAMES  
8    EDWARD CONWAY HER DAUGHTERS VALERIE AND TIFFANY CONWAY AND  
9    BROTHER, MELVIN JAY WOODS JUNIOR, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE  
10   SECOND DISTRICT, MEMBER OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH HOME ASSEMBLY  
11   CHURCH SURVIVED BY A SISTER BERNICE AND BERNICE WOODS. SHIRLEY  
12   ANN MCDONALD, WHO PASSED AWAY MARCH 5. SHE LIVED IN THE SECOND  
13   DISTRICT ALL HER LIFE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS SCOTT  
14   MCDONALD AND JUAN PERRY. AND ANN TRULY A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF  
15   THE SECOND DISTRICT, HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JULIE AND HIS  
16   SISTER SOPHIA HOLMES AND A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.  
17   HERBERT ANSEL. WAS BORN IN BOSTON IN 1928, MOVED TO LOS  
18   ANGELES IN 1943 WHERE HE ATTENDED FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL. HE  
19   EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM UCLA AND A LAW DEGREE  
20   FROM USC. HE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 19. FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS HE  
21   WAS A PROMINENT ATTORNEY REPRESENTING LABOR UNIONS AND  
22   EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST FUNDS INCLUDING NURSES, PAINTERS, AND  
23   MACHINISTS. HE ALSO SERVED AS AN ARBITRATOR AND SPENT A BRIEF  
24   PERIOD AS SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
25   BETTY AND THREE CHILDREN, PHIL ANSELL, MANAGER AT D.P.S.S.,





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1 LISA AND AARON, AND THAT'S ALL MEMBERS. WALTER DEBOIS -- DR.  
2 WALTER DEBOIS. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AS A CHILD AND REMAINED  
3 UNTIL HIS DEATH ON MARCH 22. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY, ATTENDED  
4 U.S.C. AND HOWARD UNIVERSITY DENTAL SCHOOL AND EARNED DEGREE  
5 IN DENISTRY IN 1957. HE GREW UP ON 28TH AND WESTERN WHERE HE  
6 TURNED HIS FAMILY HOME INTO A PROFESSIONAL BUILDING AND  
7 PRACTICED DENTISTRY UNTIL HE SUFFERED A STROKE AND WAS FORCED  
8 TO RETIRE IN JULY 2001. DR. AARON C. WADE, DR. WADE BECAME THE  
9 FIRST BLACK PERSON TO GO FROM FOOTBALL COACH TO PRINCIPAL,  
10 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT TO SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COMPTON  
11 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. DR. WADE ATTENDED U.C.L.A. FOR ONE  
12 YEAR, TRANSFERRED TO CAL STATE L.A. WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS  
13 DEGREE. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, ORIGINAL FOUNDER OF  
14 BROOKINS CHURCH WHEN HE STARTED WITH LESS THAN 20 MEMBERS. HE  
15 WAS COACH AND PRINCIPAL OF COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL. HE'S SURVIVED  
16 BY HIS WIFE LILLIAN DAVIS, TWO DAUGHTERS, KAREN WADE AND  
17 SHEILA TUCSON AND A SON, AARON C. WADE JUNIOR, AND ONE  
18 BROTHER, JOE WADE AND A SISTER, ESTER WADE. ARTHUR SWIFT, 13-  
19 YEAR-OLD WHO WAS KILLED WHILE IN A CROWD OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
20 LEAVING CHURCH ON SUNDAY. THE SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM BOTH SIDES  
21 OF A PASSING CAR AS HE LEFT BIBLE STUDY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
22 CHURCH ON WEST BOULEVARD IN LOS ANGELES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
23 MOTHER, LORI ARBUCKLE, AND GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM ARUCKLE. MARKY  
24 PICKINS WAS A 14-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED ABOUT THE  
25 SAME TIME AS ARTHUR SWIFT A FEW MILES AWAY WHILE STANDING ON



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1 THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF A MINI MALL IN LOS ANGELES. AND I  
2 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LA  
3 ROTARIAN BILL ROSCOE AND I'LL GET THE REST OF THE INFORMATION  
4 LATER, AND DEWEY AL SPAN, SR., THE FATHER OF CARMEN SPAN. SO  
5 ORDERED. I MISSED ONE? OH, I'M SORRY. SHIRLEY HIRSCH,  
6 ENTREPRENEUR WHO PASSED AWAY SATURDAY -- NO. I THINK THAT WE  
7 DID THAT. STANLEY HIRSCH. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. DAVID AVEL.  
8 ABEL, I'M SORRY. ABER? MICHAEL SYLES. AND SHERRY MARTIN. ARE  
9 WE GOING TO HAVE ANY CLOSED SESSION? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

10

11 **DAVID ABER:** DAVID ABER FROM LANCASTER. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM  
12 CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS. I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO  
13 ACKNOWLEDGE AND COMMEND OUR ARMED FORCES OVER IN IRAQ. I  
14 RECENTLY SENT A LETTER -- RECEIVED A LETTER, EXCUSE ME, FROM  
15 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE DATED 27TH OF JANUARY WHICH HE  
16 INDICATED HE HAD REQUESTED STEVE MCCOOLEY, D.A. OF LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY, TO RESPOND TO ME AND ALSO SEND A COPY TO MR.  
18 ANTONOVICH ABOUT MY CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPROPRIETIES  
19 OF DETECTIVE SCHOONERMAKER WHICH INCLUDED ASSAULT AND BATTERY,  
20 THEFT, ARREST IN MY HOME WITHOUT AN ARREST WARRANT AND NO  
21 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ILLEGAL SEARCH OF MY HOME ON 10-8-1999  
22 AND THE LATER SEARCH OF MY HOME IN VIOLATION OF PENAL CODE  
23 170, MALICIOUSLY PROCURING A SEARCH WARRANT, WHERE HE LIED TO  
24 A JUDGE ON HIS AFFIDAVIT FOR THE SEARCH WARRANT. I ALSO SENT  
25 CERTIFIED LETTERS BOTH TO MR. ANTONOVICH AND TO MR. COOLEY



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1 DATED 11-8-2001, 16 MONTHS AGO WHICH COOLEY HAS FAILED TO  
2 RESPOND TO. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, I CALLED COOLEY'S OFFICE AND  
3 WAS TOLD THAT MR. ANTONOVICH'S LETTER NEVER REACHED THEIR  
4 OFFICE. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY FAXED THAT OVER AND TOLD ME THEY HAD  
5 NO RECORD OF MY CERTIFIED LETTER FROM THE ABOVE FOREMENTIONED  
6 2001 DATE. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE AND YOUR  
7 GUIDANCE TO RESOLVE AND HOLD STEVE COOLEY'S OFFICE ACCOUNTABLE  
8 FOR FAILURE TO PERFORM AND TO INVESTIGATE THE CRIMES COMMITTED  
9 BY BRIAN SCHOONMAKER, RECENTLY OUR PRESIDENT, IN HIS ADDRESS  
10 TO THE NATION STATED HIS JOB WAS TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE  
11 CONSTITUTION. I HOPE YOU BOARD MEMBERS SHARE HIS FEELINGS TO  
12 DO YOUR DUTY BY DOING THE SAME HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND GET  
13 MR. COOLEY TO DO HIS DUTY. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE 1999.  
14 THE CERTIFIED LETTERS WERE SENT OVER 16 MONTHS AGO.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL CERTAINLY  
17 PASS THAT ON. WE'LL GET SOMEONE TO PASS THAT ON.

18

19 **DAVID ABER:** WAS I OUT OF TIME?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WAS I OUT OF TIME?

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL SEND IT TO MR. COOLEY. YES, PLEASE  
2   STATE YOUR NAME, AND WOULD KATHY CROSBY COME FORWAR FORWARD.

3

4   **SHERRY MARTIN:** I'M SHERRY MARTIN. I REPRESENT MAGNA MURDER IN  
5   GRIEF AND KNOW -- NO ANSWERS. MY SON, I RECEIVED -- I'D LIKE  
6   TO THANK THE BOARD FOR SENDING -- BECAUSE YOU ADJOURNED IN MY  
7   SON'S MEMORY LAST APRIL WHEN HE WAS MURDERED. I WROTE TO  
8   MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND HE PROMPTLY GAVE THE LETTER TO DEBBIE  
9   LAZARA, WHO I'VE RECEIVED THE LETTER BACK, BUT SHE DIDN'T  
10   ANSWER ALL MY QUESTIONS ABOUT PROP 172 FUNDS. SHARON RUNNER IS  
11   GOING TO REQUEST AN AUDIT ON THIS MONEY BECAUSE ACCORDING TO  
12   THE LETTER THAT I GOT FROM DEBBIE, WE DO -- PALMDALE LANCASTER  
13   AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THERE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY OF THE  
14   172 FUNDS, AND I JUST -- IT'S HARD. SHE SAYS THAT IT'S, WE GET  
15   IT INDIRECTLY BECAUSE WE PAY FOR CONTRACT, WE CONTRACT THE  
16   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S MONEY. IT ALSO SAYS THAT THERE WAS 30  
17   CITIES. IN MY LETTER, I ASKED HOW MANY CITIES GOT IT AND HOW  
18   MANY CITIES-- AND WHAT CITIES DIDN'T BECAUSE I WANTED TO DO  
19   SOME RESEARCH ON THAT TO FIND OUT THEIR CRIME RATE VERSUS OUR  
20   CRIME RATE BECAUSE, UNFORTUNATELY, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS OUT  
21   OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND, WE'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL AND  
22   WE GET NEGLECTED A LOT. THE LETTER SAID IN LIEU OF NOT GETTING  
23   THE INDIRECT FUNDS FROM PROPOSITION 172 FUNDS IS THAT WE GET  
24   HIGHER -- MORE RETURN ON OUR PROPERTY TAXES, AND I MET  
25   YESTERDAY WITH MAYOR ROBERTS FROM LANCASTER AND HE SAID THAT'S



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1 NOT TRUE. LANCASTER ONLY GETS 7% OF THEIR PROPERTY TAX MONEY  
2 BACK. I DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO MAYOR LETRICK TO SEE  
3 HOW MUCH PALMDALE GETS, BUT I DON'T KNOW, I'M LEARNING HOW TO  
4 DO THIS AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE --

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE BOTH NON-PROPERTY TAX CITIES. THERE  
7 ARE A NUMBER OF THOSE THAT WERE FORMED, I BELIEVE IT WAS AFTER  
8 1978, '79 BY THE STATE. WHAT WE CAN DO IS HAVE THE C.A.O.'S  
9 FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE SEND YOU THE PROPOSITION 172  
10 BREAKDOWN FOR THE CITIES.

11

12 **SHERRY MARTIN:** I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE I ALSO WOULD  
13 LIKE TO -- I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO IT CITYWIDE, BUT I WOULD  
14 REALLY LIKE TO HAVE AN AUDIT, IF POSSIBLE, ON THE AMOUNT OF  
15 MONEY THAT GOES OUT AND WHERE IT'S GOING, BECAUSE I'VE GOT A  
16 COPY FROM STEVEN COOLEY AND IT SAYS FROM HIS ASSISTANT, IT  
17 SAYS THAT STEVEN COOLEY HAS BEEN TRYING SINCE 2000 TO OBTAIN  
18 ANY OF THE FUNDING AND HE'S NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET IT, SO IF THE  
19 D.A.'S NOT GETTING IT, WE'RE NOT GETTING IT, WHO'S GETTING IT?  
20 I MEAN, WE'RE AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. WE'RE PROBABLY AT  
21 PRETTY MUCH DANGER OF SOMEBODY TRYING TO DROP A DIRTY BOMB. I  
22 MEAN, WE'RE AIRCRAFT AND WE'RE AT EDWARDS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 172 IS GOING FOR JUSTICE, BUT IT'S ALSO GOING  
25 FOR OTHER AREAS, BUT WE'LL GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION. A COUPLE



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1 WEEKS AGO, WE ASKED THIS QUESTION OF THE C.A.O. AND HE GAVE US  
2 AN EXPLANATION AND WE WILL GET THAT INFORMATION AND GIVE IT TO  
3 YOU ALONG WITH HOW MUCH THE CITY HAS RECEIVED.

4

5 **SHERRY MARTIN:** BECAUSE ONCE WE SETTLE DOWN MY GOAL IN MY LIFE  
6 IS TO GET TWO HOMICIDE DETECTIVES PLACED IN LANCASTER AND  
7 PALMDALE, BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT OVER SEVEN HOURS FOR  
8 SOMEONE TO SHOW UP, I'M SORRY, THE CRIME SCENE IS PRETTY WELL  
9 DESTROYED. AND WE HAVE 35 PLUS UNSOLVED MURDERS JUST FROM '96  
10 TO 2001. THEY DID NOT INCLUDE 2002 AND OBVIOUSLY MY SON WAS  
11 KILLED IN 2002 AND HE'S NOT BEEN -- HE HASN'T BEEN SOLVED. SO  
12 THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MICHELLE LEE. I THINK I CALLED MICHAEL LEE.  
17 YES. STATE YOUR NAME. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

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19 **KATHY CROSBY:** MY NAME IS KATHY CROSBY. GOOD AFTERNOON, LADY  
20 CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT I'VE EVER  
21 COME UP TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS AND SPOKEN, BUT LAST  
22 WEEK, I WAS VERY DISTURBED. I HEARD ON THE NEWS THAT OUR L.A.  
23 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THAT WOULD BE THE ONES THAT WOULD  
24 DIRECTLY RESPOND IF WE WERE HIT WITH A DIRTY BOMB AND THAT'S  
25 NOT TOO FAR TO -- I MEAN, THAT'S CERTAINLY WITHIN THE REALM OF





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1 THE REASON TODAY, ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS TURN ON THEIR T.V. SET  
2 AND LOOK AT OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN SUITS AND THEY DON'T  
3 HAVE -- THEY HAVE THE PROTECTIVE GEAR TO TAKE CARE OF THEM,  
4 BUT YET FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT NEEDS 1,000 MASKS, 1,000 SUITS, THE APPROPRIATE  
6 TRAINING, AND THE TIME TO BE ABLE TO BE CERTIFIED TO WEAR  
7 THESE SUITS. NOW, I'VE SAT FOR THREE HOURS TODAY, AND IT'S  
8 BEEN QUITE AN EDUCATION FOR ME TO LISTEN HOW ONE OF YOUR  
9 MEETINGS GO, BUT I COULDN'T HELP BUT SIT HERE AND THINK, MY  
10 GOD, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A SPINE FLOWER? AND WE'RE TALKING  
11 ABOUT A TOAD? AND WHEN OUR MEN AND WOMEN NEED TO DO A JOB, IF  
12 ONE IS DROPPED RIGHT NOW, TELL ME WHERE OUR PRIORITIES ARE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THE SHERIFF RESPONDED TO THAT. LET  
15 ME EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED. THERE IS A UNION. AND THE PERSON WHO  
16 IS IN CHARGE OF THE UNION HELD THAT PRESS CONFERENCE --

17

18 **KATHY CROSBY:** I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR ANY OF THOSE. I'M SPEAKING  
19 AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW, THE SHERIFF  
22 THEN LATER HELD ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE AND HE EXPLAINED IN  
23 DETAIL THE FACT THAT HE IS PREPARED THAT THE WAY THAT THEY  
24 HAVE TO PROVIDE SHERIFFS, THERE ARE SHERIFFS WHO HAVE THE  
25 TRAINING, THEY HAVE ALL OF THE GEAR, THEY HAVE THE GAS MASKS,



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1    THEY HAVE THE CLOTHING, THEY HAVE A HAZ-MAT TEAM THAT IS THE  
2    BEST IN THE NATION. WE ARE -- HAVE BEEN DETERMINED NATIONWIDE  
3    AS THE MOST PREPARED OF ANY AREA, BUT THE SHERIFF -- AND WE  
4    WILL HAVE ONE OF THE SHERIFFS GO THROUGH AND GO THROUGH ALL OF  
5    THAT WITH YOU, BUT WHAT HAPPENED, UNFORTUNATELY, WAS ONE  
6    PERSON WHO WAS FROM THE UNION WHO WAS IN THE PROCESS OF  
7    NEGOTIATING A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS MADE SOME STATEMENTS THAT  
8    GAVE PEOPLE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SHERIFFS WEREN'T TRAINED  
9    AND THE SHERIFF HIMSELF, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ALL EMERGENCIES  
10    THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE REGION, HAS PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAINED AND  
11    SECURED. SO I WANT TO -- WE HAVE SOME SHERIFF'S  
12    REPRESENTATIVES HERE, I'M SURE, WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO GO OVER  
13    IT WITH YOU.

14

15    **KATHY CROSBY:** MADAM CHAIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I CALLED ONE  
16    OF THE SHERIFF'S STATIONS LAST NIGHT AND I SAID, "DO YOU HAVE  
17    ALL THE EQUIPMENT?" AND THEY SAID, "NO," AND I SAID, "WHAT DO  
18    YOU NEED?" AND THEY SAID, "WE NEED A THOUSAND GAS MASKS, WE  
19    NEED A THOUSAND SUITS, WE NEED THE TRAINING." NOW ALL I'M  
20    SAYING IS THAT IF THERE WAS CONFLICTING INFORMATION, DO YOU  
21    KNOW THAT THERE ARE 100 MEN THAT ARE TOTALLY QUALIFIED AND  
22    HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED, BUT THE AMOUNT OF GAS MASKS THAT THEY  
23    HAVE IS 100? THEY NEED 1,000.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
2    DEPARTMENT --

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4    **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK JUST TO ADD, THERE'S NO CONFLICT. THE  
5    SHERIFF LAID OUT A STRATEGY OF WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE LOCATED.  
6    THERE'S APPROXIMATELY 160 TRAINED INDIVIDUALS. THE GAS MASKS  
7    THAT THEY'VE ORDERED FOR EVERYONE ARE DUE IN, I GUESS, NEXT  
8    WEEK, THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

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10   **KATHY CROSBY:** HOW MANY? HOW MANY ARE COMING IN?

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE WAS ALREADY A THOUSAND. IN FACT THE  
13   CITY WANTS TO BORROW SOME OF THEM.

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15   **KATHY CROSBY:** BECAUSE RIGHT NOW ALL THEY HAVE AT THEIR  
16   DISPOSABLE--

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18   **SUP. KNABE:** IT WAS DESPICABLE WHAT THIS INDIVIDUAL DID ON  
19   BEHALF OF A NEGOTIATING POSITION TO GIVE ANY KIND OF A FEAR  
20   ELEMENT ON THE EVE OF WAR THAT WE WEREN'T PREPARED AS A  
21   COUNTY, AND WE HAVE THE EQUIPMENT. THE EQUIPMENT WAS LAID OUT  
22   THERE. THE PRESS SAW IT AND AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND THE PEOPLE  
23   ARE TRAINED, THEY HAVE THE MONEY FOR THE TRAINING --

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1   **KATHY CROSBY:** I JUST WANT TO LOOK YOU IN THE EYE, EACH AND WE  
2   HAVE ONE OF YOU, AND I WANT TO KNOW, JUST TELL ME, THAT OUR  
3   MEN AND WOMEN THAT DESERVE OUR BEST, OUR VERY BEST -- I USED  
4   TO BE MARRIED TO A POLICEMAN. HE'S MY CHILDREN'S FATHER. HE'S  
5   RETIRED OFF THE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND I KNOW WHAT  
6   THEY GO THROUGH OUT THERE AND IT'S HELL ON WHEELS, AND THEY  
7   DESERVE OUR RESPECT AND OUR BEST. I CAME TO THIS MEETING TODAY  
8   BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET JUST EXACTLY THAT  
9   AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE MEN AND WOMEN HAVE THE  
10   EQUIPMENT AND THE TRAINING AND THE CERTIFICATION, BECAUSE IF  
11   ONE HIT RIGHT NOW, DO YOU KNOW IF IT STANDS RIGHT NOW? YOU SAY  
12   THEY'RE ON ORDER. IT'S TOO LATE.

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14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT JUST A MOMENT. I DIDN'T SAY THEY WERE  
15   -- WE -- OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE ORDERED ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, BUT  
16   WE HAVE A THOUSAND GAS MASKS. THE CITY WANTS TO BORROW SOME OF  
17   THEM. THEY'RE ASKING US IF THEY CAN HAVE SOME OF OUR  
18   EQUIPMENT, BUT I WILL SIT HERE AND SAY TO YOU THAT IT'S MY  
19   LIFE AS WELL AS YOUR LIFE THAT I FEEL THAT I AM SITTING IN A  
20   COUNTY THAT IS THE BEST PREPARED IN THE NATION. NOW, I KNOW  
21   THAT NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE TO ME THAT IF BY SOME MEANS SOMEONE  
22   COMES IN THIS BUILDING AND DOES SOMETHING THAT WE CAN NEVER  
23   PREPARE FOR EVERY POSSIBLE EMERGENCY, BUT I FEEL VERY  
24   CONFIDENT IN TERMS OF MY LIFE THAT THE SHERIFFS OF LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY ARE THE BEST AND THEY'RE PREPARED THE BEST AND THEY ARE  
2 NUMBER ONE IN TERMS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THIS COUNTY.

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4 **KATHY CROSBY:** I TOTALLY AGREE THAT THEY'RE THE BEST. WE ARE IN  
5 TOTAL AGREEMENT OF THAT. WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW IS HAVE WE  
6 GIVEN THEM THE BEST.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE GIVEN  
9 THEM THE BEST. OBVIOUSLY THERE'S HOMELAND SECURITY THAT IS  
10 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MATERIALS, ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO  
11 EVERYONE THROUGHOUT THE NATION. WE WILL BE GETTING ADDITIONAL  
12 THINGS, BUT WE GO THROUGH -- WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH  
13 TERRORISM EXERCISES FIVE YEARS AGO. THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
14 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS NOT JUST STARTING THIS, IT'S BEEN  
15 GOING ON, BUT IF YOU MOVE OVER, I'M SURE THAT WE'LL HAVE  
16 SOMEONE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT --

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18 **KATHY CROSBY:** ALRIGHT, LADY CHAIR I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,  
19 BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE  
20 MEN, WE PROTECT THEM AND THEY HAVE THOSE MASKS AND SUITS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL HAVE PEOPLE TO ABSOLUTELY PROTECT  
23 THEM AND THAT'S WHY I SAY THE SHERIFF WOULD HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO  
24 YOU HOW YOU DEPLOY AND WHO YOU DEPLOY AND HOW.

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1   **KATHY CROSBY:** I'M GOING TO GO BACK THERE, AND I TELL YOU WHAT.  
2   FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU RUN THE MEETINGS, YOU GET TO  
3   TALK EVERY THREE MONTHS. AM I RIGHT?

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5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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7   **KATHY CROSBY:** IF I DON'T FIND WITH WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME IS  
8   MATCHING UP WITH WHAT THEY SAY, I'M COMING BACK.

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE HAS A 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS BUDGET.

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12   **KATHY CROSBY:** ALL I'M SAYING IS I WILL FIGHT FOR THOSE GUYS  
13   AND I WILL BE HERE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

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17   **KATHY CROSBY:** THANK YOU. IT WAS NIGHT MEETING ALL OF YOU.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NICE TO MEET YOU. YES? SHIRLEY  
20   FEHRIER.

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22   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU WILL EXTEND THE SAME  
23   COURTESY TO ME THAT YOU EXTENDED TO HER.

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25   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.





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2 **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** GIVE ME EXTRA TIME. I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE  
3 10:00 THIS MORNING. I SAT THROUGH LISTENING TO PEOPLE COMPLAIN  
4 ABOUT THE WAY TOADS AND, QUOTE, UNQUOTE, OTHER LITTLE CRITTERS  
5 AND CREATURES ARE BEING TREATED FOR -- THEY TALKED AT LEAST  
6 FOUR HOURS, AND NOW I AM THE LAST PERSON TO SPEAK, I GET THREE  
7 MINUTES TO SPEAK FOR THE CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT  
8 JUST GOES TO PROVE WHAT I SAID THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE IN  
9 AUGUST OF LAST YEAR, THAT NONE OF YOU UP THERE CARE ANYTHING  
10 ABOUT THESE CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS PROVES IT! THANK  
11 YOU! LAST TIME I WAS HERE, I TOLD YOU SOME HORRIBLE THINGS  
12 THAT WERE HAPPENING TO MY GRANDSON IN THE DISTRICT, IN SECOND  
13 DISTRICT, IN L.A. COUNTY. FORGET ABOUT THE DISTRICTS. HE'S IN  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WAS IN AN L.A. COUNTY PROGRAM AT  
15 SCHOOL, HAD AN L.A. COUNTY SOCIAL WORKER, L.A. COUNTY ATTORNEY  
16 BEING PAID BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, EVERYTHING. I WENT  
17 BEFORE A JUDGE BECAUSE I COMPLAINED SO MUCH. HAWTHORNE SCHOOL  
18 DISTRICT, FILED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST ME. YOU REMEMBER  
19 ME NOW? FILED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST ME. THE JUDGE IN THE  
20 COURT ASKS, HOW CAN ALL THESE HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN TO A  
21 CHILD WHO IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY? I  
22 ONLY RECEIVED, AND I WANT TO THANK MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND MR.  
23 ANTONOVICH, THEY RESPONDED TO MY COMPLAINTS WHEN I WAS HERE.  
24 I'M SORRY THAT YOU NEVER RESPONDED AND THIS CHILD IS IN YOUR  
25 DISTRICT, MRS. BURKE. BUT EVERY SINCE -- FROM 1994 UNTIL THIS



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1 YEAR, I HAVE OFTEN, BECAUSE I ADVOCATE FOR OTHER CHILDREN, I'M  
2 AN EDUCATOR. I HAVE OFTEN SENT COMPLAINTS TO YOU ABOUT THINGS  
3 THAT ARE HAPPENING IN YOUR COUNTY, SERIOUS COMPLAINTS. I HAVE  
4 NEVER ONCE RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM YOUR OFFICE, BUT I WANT TO  
5 REPEAT, MR. MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY DID RESOND. I  
6 DON'T KNOW HOW THEY RESPONDED BECAUSE TO THIS DAY I HAVE NOT  
7 OPENED THOSE ENVELOPES, BECAUSE AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, IT  
8 WAS TOO LITTLE TOO LATE. ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE BECAUSE I CAME  
9 HERE AND TOLD ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HARASSING AND BRUISING,  
10 SEXUALLY ABUSING MY GRANDSON, I CAME HERE AND TOLD IT. THEY  
11 RETALIATED AGAINST ME IN THE WORST WAY IMAGINABLE. YOU THINK  
12 IT WAS BAD BEFORE I CAME HERE AND TALKED, IT GOT 100% WORSE.  
13 AND I MEAN IT. I CAN HAVE DOCUMENTS TO PROVE EVERYTHING THAT  
14 I'M SAYING. NOW YOU HAVE HAVE HIRED A NEW -- DAVID SANDERS,  
15 DR. DAVID SANDERS TO HEAD D.C.F.S. I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HIM.  
16 AS SOON AS I LAID EYES ON HIM, I FOLLOWED HIM UNTIL I TALK TO  
17 HIM AND TOLD HIM, "LEAVE. YOU HAVE BEEN CAST INTO HELL AND ALL  
18 THEY'RE GOING TO DO, THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ARE  
19 THE ONES WHO NEED TO GET OUT. IT'S NOT GOING TO GET ANY BETTER  
20 BECAUSE HE'S HERE. THE ONLY THINGS THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO  
21 THAT YOUNG BLACK MAN IS THAT HE'S NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
22 CLEAN UP THIS AWFUL MESS AND IT'S ALL GOING TO BE HIS FAULT.  
23 I'M NOT THROUGH WITH HIM. I TOLD HIM. I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE  
24 A LOT OF DOCUMENTS WITH ME THAT I HANDED OVER TO HIM THAT HE  
25 HAD NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF AND I TOLD HIM, YOUR FAX IS GOING



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1 TO GET MORE INFORMATION, THE MAIL, FED EX AND PERSONAL  
2 APPEARANCE AND EVERYTHING. I'M GOING TO TELL HIM EVERYTHING  
3 ABOUT THE WORST DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN  
4 IN ALL MY LIFE! AND I'M SERIOUS. GOD HIMSELF IS GOING TO TAKE  
5 CARE OF ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN CARE OF THESE CHILDREN.  
6 NOW, WHY DIDN'T YOU RESPOND TO ME?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DO NOT RECALL RECEIVING YOUR LETTER, BUT  
9 IF I RECEIVED IT, IT GOES THROUGH REGULAR --

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11 **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** YOU DON'T RECALL THAT I WAS SITTING HERE  
12 TELLING YOU WHAT HAPPENED?

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK MIRIAM SIMMONS TALKED TO YOU,  
15 DIDN'T SHE?

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17 **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** NO SHE DID NOT.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'S RIGHT HERE.

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21 **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR? PLEASE DON'T LIE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DID YOU SPEAK TO HER? ALL RIGHT.

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1   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** OH, LORD HAVE MERCY RAIN DOWN YOUR VENGEANCE  
2   ON THESE LIARS.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** SHE'S LYING! ON THE RECORD, YOU ARE LYING,  
7   YOU HAVE NEVER SPOKEN TO ME. WHAT IS MY MIDDLE NAME, IF YOU  
8   HAVE SPOKEN TO ME?

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS INAPPROPRIATE.

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12   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** IT IS NOT INAPPROPRIATE.

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I THINK IT'S INAPPROPRIATE.

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16   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** WHO CARES WHAT YOU THINK, WHOEVER IS TALKING?

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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20   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T OPEN YOUR LETTER. I KNEW  
21   IT WAS FULL OF TRASH.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SHE'LL SPEAK TO YOU RIGHT NOW.

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1   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO HER. I DON'T SPEAK TO  
2   LIARS!

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6   **SHIRLEY FEHRIER:** THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T OPEN YOUR LETTER.

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8   **MICHELLE LEE:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE LEE. [ MIXED VOICES ]

9   [PREVIOUS SPEAKER STILL TALKING IN THE BACKGROUND] .

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE DIDN'T TALK TO YOU BUT SHE TOLD YOU  
12   ABOUT THE WEB SITE. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD, MISS LEE. [PREVIOUS  
13   SPEAKER IN BACKGROUND]

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

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17   **MICHELLE LEE:** GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS MICHELLE  
18   LEE. I'M FROM THE SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT. I WAS HERE BEFORE ABOUT  
19   THE ON-STREET PARKING FOR NORMANDY WHICH IS 14449 SOUTH  
20   NORMANDY. WE DO STILL NEED PARKING. THEY'RE GETTING READY TO  
21   TAKE THE TREES DOWN. AT LEAST COULD WE HAVE EVENING PARKING  
22   AFTER 6:00 OR 6:30? WHICH IS NOT A HEAVY AREA ON THAT SITE. WE  
23   DO NEED ON-STREET PARKING. THEY HAVE PARKING WAY DOWN THE  
24   STREET FROM THE SITE. WE NEED ON-STREET PARKING IN FRONT OF  
25   THE SITE, AT LEAST AFTER 6:30 TO, LIKE, 5:30 IN THE MORNING OR



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1 5:00 IN THE MORNING. SO -- AND THEN ON THE WEEKEND, WHEN  
2 PEOPLE HAVE VISITORS, THEY HAVE TO WALK AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR  
3 HOUSE LENGTHS DOWN TO PARK WAY DOWN THE STREET OR PARK IN TO  
4 THE COUNTY BUILDING PARKING LOT IF THEY LEAVE THE CHAINS DOWN.  
5 THERE'S NO PARK -- WE HAVE NO PARKING ON THE STREET.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CHUCK BOOKHAMMER WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT --  
8 I THINK THE PUBLIC WORKS WILL HAVE TO GO OUT THERE AND  
9 EVALUATE IT, BUT WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

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11 **MICHELLE LEE:** OKAY BUT WE'RE NOT TRYING TO GET NO, YOU KNOW,  
12 STUFF DURING THE DAY, JUST IN THE EVENING WHEN TRAFFIC HAS  
13 DIED DOWN. AND THEN WHEN THEY TAKE THE TREES AWAY, COULD THEY  
14 PLEASE PUT BACK -- YOU KNOW HOW THEY PUT THE NEW LITTLE  
15 UPLINGS TREES BACK, COULD WE HAVE THAT PLEASE?

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS CHUCK BOOKHAMMER HERE? HE'LL  
18 SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THAT AND WE'LL GET DOWN TO THE ADDRESS.

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20 **MICHELLE LEE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU EVERYBODY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? ANYONE ELSE?

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
25 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF





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1 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
2 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION  
3 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1    **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON MARCH 25, 2003**

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3            The Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session regarding  
4    the following:

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6    **CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

7    (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Javier  
8    Rocha v. Sheriff Baca, et al., United States District Court  
9    Case No. CV 00-4989 AHM (PJWx)

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11           The Board approved settlement of the above case in the  
12    amount of \$300,000 after making a finding that the purpose of  
13    the settlement was to minimize the cost of the litigation to  
14    the County treasury and the taxpayers as the costs of appeal  
15    and further litigation, exposure for attorneys' fees and  
16    costs, and the potential for an increased damage award in the  
17    event of a retrial make it likely that the ultimate cost to  
18    the County treasury will exceed the settlement figure.

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20           The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with  
21    Supervisors Molina and Antonovich being absent.

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